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Cuban in Expo 67 Plot Held For Refugee-Status Hearing

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service has revoked the refugee parole status of a Cuban exile leader whose organization has been planning for months to make a bazooka attack on the Cuban pavilion at Canada's Expo 67.

INS agents took Felipe Rivero Diaz, 42, into custody last night at his home in Coral Gables, Fla., and placed him in the Dade County Jail to await a hearing Monday before an immigration officer to determine whether he can remain in the United States as a refugee.

Rivero, a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion and recently employed in a Miami used car lot, is the acknowledged leader of an extremist anti-Castro organization called Asociacion Nacionalista Cubana.

Restricted in Florida

He and six of his followers were ordered to restrict themselves to the Dade County area three weeks ago by INS after evidence had mounted that the CNA was determined to attack the Cuban exhibit in Montreal.

Official sources said Rivero and his group are known to have fired a bazooka shell at the United Nations Building in New York in 1964.

They also tried to blow up the



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FELIPE RIVERO DIAZ

Tomb of Karl Marx in London in 1965, fired a bazooka shell at the Cuban Embassy in Ottawa in 1966 and last year set off a plastic bomb beside an auction house in Montreal where property taken from exiles leaving Havana was allegedly being sold.

Won't Be Sent to Cuba

Informed sources said there is no chance that Rivero will be returned to Cuba which would be tantamount to signing his death warrant. If the suspension of his parole status as a

refugee is upheld, Rivero will either be deported to any country that will accept him or remain in custody.

Officials would not disclose why INS arrested Rivero last night except to say it was on the basis of information now before INS.

However, informed sources said the Nacionalista leader had never abandoned his plan to attack the Expo 67 pavilion and continued boasting about the terrorist plans of his small organization.