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## Gerstein Accused Accept Offer to Take Lie Tests

By CLARENCE JONES  
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Two men who swear that State Attorney Richard Gerstein took a \$1,500 bribe accepted a Miami Herald offer Friday to be examined by lie detector expert John Reid in Chicago Sunday.

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Arrested in addition to Bosch, Balan and Diaz were:

- Andres Jorge Gonzalez, 36, of 51 NW 76th Ave.; Marco Rodriguez Ramos, 24, of 735 SW First St.; Juan Dominguez Benitez, 27, of 2460 SW 16th Ct.; Jorge Luis Gutierrez Ulla, 20, of 1029 SW First Ave.; Paulino Mario Gutierrez Vioque, 40, of 1029 SW First Ave., the father of Luis; and Aimee Miranda Cruz, 38, of 218 SW 16th

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# Cuban Power Suspects Jailed in Attack on Ship

**MIAMI**—Nine Cuban Power members of Cuban Power they pose a danger to the community.

All but Miss Miranda were still being held in Dade County Jail late Friday. An arraignment was expected soon before Judge Meitertens, but no date was set.

diagrams to Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain, President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz of Mexico and Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Great Britain.

Bosch, who has long headed the militant exile League of Cuban Revolutionary Workers, Management (LRCRW), faces up to a \$21,000 fine or 26 years in jail or both if convicted.

**THE BOND** order stipulated that if bond is posted the defendants shall be restricted to Dade and Broward counties and not be permitted to enter "Dodge Island, the Port of Miami, Port Everglades, Miami International Airport and Broward International Airport or any other airport or dock facility."

All nine were accused of "conspiracy" to damage foreign vessels with explosives. Maximum penalty, if convicted on the charge, is \$20,000 each or 25 years in prison, or both.

Bosch, a 42-year-old exile pediatrician with five children, was the only one accused on all five counts in the indictment. He was also charged on three counts of sending the threatening communications to Gen. Francisco

**TWO YEARS AGO** he was acquitted in Miami of a federal extortion charge which included allegations of death threats, bombings and shooting attacks on fellow exiles.

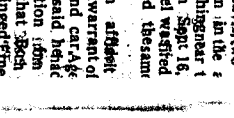
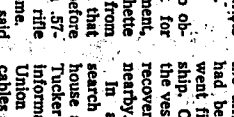
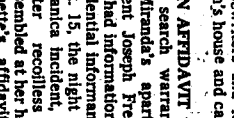
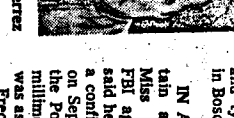
None of those indicted was charged in connection with the 40 assorted explosions that have rocked Dade County since the first of the year.

But Bosch, Bahin and Luis Gutierrez were linked in the indictment with Ricardo Morales-Navarro, a Cuban who was charged earlier this year with bombing an exile store in Miami. No details were given, other than that Bosch had "communicated instructions" to Morales-Navarro on or about Aug. 27.

**THE INDICTMENT** charged that part of the conspiracy plan, according to the indictment, was to raise money through the publicity generated by the ship explosions.

The clandestine Cuban Power group has publicly claimed responsibility for a series of Spanish British and Japanese ship blasts in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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MIAMI to announce the appointment of Bosch as the Miami spokesman for Cuban Power.

Bosch, who was not present, announced at his own press conference a week later that he accepted the designation. At the same time, he announced a Cuban Power campaign to raise \$1 million to fight Castro.

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IN AN AFFIDAVIT to obtain a search warrant for Miss Miranda's apartment, FBI agent Joseph Frechette said he had information from a confidential informant that on Sept. 15, the night before the Polanica incident, a .57-millimeter recoilless rifle was assembled at her home.

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the affidavit, two men who had been in the apartment went fishing near the Polish ship. On Sept. 16, the day the vessel was fired on, agents recovered the same weapon nearby.

In an affidavit for the search warrant of Bosch's house and car, Agent James Tucker said he had received information from Western Union that Bosch had sent cables signed "Ernesto."

He said one had been sent to British Prime Minister Wilson saying that exiles had been responsible for the explosion May 5 aboard the British ship Granwood off Key West.

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# BOSCH:

## Often at Loggerheads With Law, Exile Had Always Remained Free

By DON BOHNING  
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Dr. Orlando Bosch, baby doctor turned exile activist, long has been one of the most controversial members of Miami's Cuban community.

He also has been one of its most frequently arrested.

HIS SCUFFLES with federal authorities have ranged from charges of illegal possession of explosives and conspiring to export arms to a charge of extorting money from wealthy Cubans to finance his anti-Castro activities.

Despite his numerous encounters with virtually every federal agency involved in Cuban affairs, Bosch has never served a sentence and never been convicted.

The bespectacled 42-year-old father of five heads the militant Revolutionary Recovery Insurrectional Movement (MIRR), an organization which had emphasized direct and strong action against Cuba.

ONE OF THE more bizarre incidents in Bosch's career as an exile activist came in 1964. He was arrested by Miami authorities as he cautiously towed a home-made, radio-controlled torpedo through the streets during rush-hour traffic.

In 1965, he was charged, along with five others, of trying to smuggle Castro-bound bombs out of the country, after federal agents raided a house near Orlando.

IN APRIL, 1966, Sheriff's Deputies stopped Bosch and two friends at a road block on the Tamiami Trail in Collier County. They found six live, 100-pound surplus aerial practice bombs stuffed with dynamite in the trunk of the car, snuggled up to several AR15 rifles and three other assorted weapons.

In December, 1966, Bosch and one of his aides, Marcello Garcia, went on trial in Miami Federal Court on charges of trying to extort \$21,000 from a fellow refugee to finance anti-Castro operations.

THE CHARGES were dropped after the prosecution's main witness reportedly offered to sell out to the defense.

The two were acquitted.

The pediatrician from Cuba's Las Villas Province claims his infiltration and attacks against Castro have brought him nothing but "harassment" from U.S. authorities.

BOSCH CLAIMED U.S. agents shadowed him day and night.

He once claimed a man who identified himself as a State Department employe visited him at his home and offered him \$10,000 to work in cooperation with the U.S. against Castro. That was early in his exile career.

Bosch said he turned the offer down.

Bosch also claimed that "U.S. agents" once entered

the MIRR offices, then on Flagler St., and withdrew "certain files" and "documents with the names of Cubans who contribute to the movement." He also charged federal authorities with bugging his office and called a press conference to produce a small listening device. He said it was found stuffed inside an electrical outlet.

His MIRR has claimed a series of actions against Cuba. Some are known to have occurred. There is considerable doubt that others did.

Bosch had dropped out of sight following his most recent courtroom appearance in December, 1967. He had received virtually no public mention until a hooded figure called "Ernesto" offered him the post as the Cuban Power Miami spokesman in a strange press conference Sept. 20 of this year.

A FEW DAYS later, at a press conference of his own in a downtown hotel, Bosch announced he would accept the nomination.

"I feel it is necessary for me to accept," Bosch said. "I don't care about the consequences. I don't know how the authorities will react, but it doesn't worry me."

The authorities reacted Friday. As Bosch was led away by FBI agents, he raised his manacled hands in V-for-victory signs, and shouted: "Victory for Cuban liberation."

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