

## DeLorean Partner Recalled

Cristina Ferrare says she well remembers John DeLorean's partner in his newest car-building venture, Gordon Novel, for what he used to bring when he came to call — a briefcase full of guns with silencers.

Ferrare, in excerpts of her court deposition made public Friday, says Novel was "at our house constantly" during DeLorean's 1984 trial on cocaine charges. Novel, she said, was hired to work for DeLorean as a private investigator and to conduct surveillance for the auto maker.

She told attorneys questioning her that Novel would come "toting firearms. He had, just like in the movies, a briefcase with all these guns with silencers and — it was like a bad movie, truly." She said she didn't know what specific services Novel provided DeLorean, "but they were constantly together and talking about different things."

More formal business dealings between Novel and DeLorean began in 1985 when they filed incorporation papers to form ND Motors, a Columbus, Ohio, partnership whose purpose was to revive the gull-winged DeLorean sports car.

Novel is a twice-convicted felon, court records show. He was found guilty in 1977 for illegal use of wiretapping equipment in Reno. His second conviction, also in 1977, stemmed from possession of illegal firearms. Novel could not be reached for comment. —Micheline Maynard