

# Cuba Escapees Include Driver For Castro Kin

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MIAMI, Sept. 22 (UPI) — The personal chauffeur for Ramon Castro, older half-brother of Premier Fidel Castro, was among 65 Cuban refugees processed here today after being secretly ferried out of Cuba in two small Miami-based exile boats.

The refugees, ranging in age from 6 to 70, were taken to Key West, Fla., yesterday by the Coast Guard and transferred here in the night. There were 33 men, 13 women and 19 children in the group.

As they arrived, with eight other Cubans who came in by plane from Belize, British Honduras, the Coast Guard reported another boatload of 21 anti-Castro refugees was rescued at sea southwest of Key West by the Honduran freighter Choloma.

Pedro Martinez was Ramon Castro's chauffeur "right up to the day we left," according to his wife. She was quickly released by immigration authorities at the nearby Opa-

Locka detention center but her husband was being interrogated at greater length.

"My husband also used to work for Juanita Castro and then he went to work for Ramon," Mrs. Martinez said. Juanita Castro's elder sister, fled the island 15 months ago.

"Juanita tried to get us out before, but it couldn't be done," Mrs. Martinez added. She said Ramon Castro, who is seldom seen at public functions, is an official of the government-controlled sugar transport office.

The 65 refugees were ferried out by two exiles from Miami. This accounted for the erroneous figure of 67 escapees announced yesterday by the Coast Guard.

In general, they were not eager to discuss details of their escape. In the group were a well-known Negro popular singer, Orlando Contreras, a doctor, a family of 19 persons, including a 70-year-old grandmother, a butcher and a cafeteria worker.