

Dean Martin Jr. Arrested

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18 — Dean Martin Jr., 22, son of the television and film personality, has been arrested here for possession of a small arsenal of automatic machine guns and an 8-foot-long antitank cannon.

Martin, a pre-med student at UCLA, was arrested at his Beverly Hills home Thursday after allegedly selling two of the guns to a federal agent. He was charged with unlawful possession of firearms, a violation of the 1968 Gun Control Act, and released on his own recognizance on a bond of \$5,000.

The possession charge carries a penalty of 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$10,000 fine for each firearm unlawfully possessed.

Martin was permitted to remain at home overnight after his arrest, and his arraignment was accomplished rapidly this morning following long in-chamber talks with federal authorities and the U. S. magistrate.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Perry denied that Martin had received any special treatment. He said Martin had "fully cooperated" with federal agents of Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which conducted an extensive search of Martin's home after the arrest.

Perry said Martin appeared to be a "gun nut," and he added, "We do not believe he was involved in sale of guns to any terrorist organization."

Martin's lawyer, Charles Creedman, said his client "allegedly came into possession of a number of firearms as a good faith collector a number of years ago, when he was still a juvenile. He had decided he wanted to get rid of them. The Alcohol and To-

bacco and Firearms Bureau somehow got wind of this and entered into the picture."

Creedman said the violations alleged were "very technical in nature."

The arms found at the home of Martin, who as a teen-ager was a member of a popular rock group known as Dino, Desi and Billy, included a Russian AK-47 automatic assault rifle; an M-16 automatic rifle; an M-2 automatic carbine; a Sten submachine gun; a Thompson submachine gun; two Belgian FN machine guns; and a 20-mm. Belgian-made anti-tank cannon.

Federal authorities said in supporting affidavits that none of the guns was registered as required by law.

The affidavits described how Louis Kozinn, a undercover agent, went to Martin's home two days ago and was ushered into a large room



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Dean Martin Jr. talks to newsmen after his arraignment in Los Angeles yesterday.

covered with a plaid rug. The Belgian anti-tank cannon, crafted in blue steel, was standing at one end of the room. About 15 rifles and shotguns were in racks or leaned against the wall.

Martin allegedly offered to sell Kozinn seven guns for a total of \$2,750, and "would throw in the cannon" free as an inducement. Martin told Kozinn he had fired the cannon in the desert.

Martin then left the house, according to the affidavit, for a few minutes and returned carrying a large brown garment bag, containing the

seven machine guns. The agent purchased the AK-47 and the M-16 for \$675 and left, promising to return for further purchases.

Kozinn said the guns he bought were "fully operative." In fact, he said, Martin gave him extra clips and two bags of ammunition for the M-16.

Martin, who is married to actress Olivia Hussey, appeared in court today clad in sport coat, slacks and turtle-neck sweater, but remained silent while reporters interviewed his attorney. Creedman, the attorney, waived his client's rights to a preliminary

hearing and indicated a plea might be worked out without the case going to the grand jury.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Perry said plans are to seek an indictment before a grand jury. He said at the time charges of illegal sale of firearms would be sought in addition to the possession complaint.

Federal officials said young Martin's father had no knowledge of his son's activities. The elder Martin was in Tucson for the annual golf tournament carrying his name and did not appear in court.