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Arrests

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They are being investigated for possible violations of the neutrality law," said Mathus. They refused to give any explanations after they were arrested." No charges were filed immediately.

Being held were Hector A. Cabrera, 27, Raul A. Cabera, 28, Manuel G. Lopez, 38, and Francisco R. Vallabriga, 33, all of Miami.

According to Mathus the four were seen unloading the arms from a 28-foot fiberglass boat by Detective Sgt. Richard Roth of Marathon Key.

He called me and we followed them," said Mathus. "The stuff was loaded into two trucks and they were driving along the highway when we stopped them."

Mathus said a search of the trucks uncovered a .50-caliber machine gun, one Thompson sub-machine gun, ammunition, explosives, a large roll of cord which could be used for fuses and other arms.

The whole lot was probably worth about \$30,000," Mathus added.

We have also confiscated the boat which was probably worth another \$12,000.

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