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RIVERO LEAD

MIAMI, FLA. (AP)-A DEPORTATION HEARING FOR FELIPE RIVERO, MILITANT CUBAN ANTI-CASTRO LEADER, WAS POSTPONED TODAY PENDING THE OUTCOME OF HIS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM ON BOND.

DAVID J. SCHRULL, U.S. SPECIAL INQUIRY OFFICER, CONTINUED THE HEARING UNTIL AFTER RIVERO'S BID FOR BAIL IS DECIDED WEDNESDAY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT.

IN ASKING THE DELAY, RIVERO'S ATTORNEY, GINO NEGRETTI, SAID FREEDOM WAS THE MOST URGENT QUESTION TO BE SETTLED BECAUSE HIS CLIENT HAS BEEN IN JAIL SINCE MAY 12.

RIVERO SHOWED UP FOR THE HEARING DRESSED IN A SPORTY TAN JACKET. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WANT TO EXCLUDE HIM FROM THE UNITED STATES ON GROUNDS THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING VIOLENCE.

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MIAMI, FLA. (AP)-FELIPE RIVERO, ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILE LEADER WHOM U.S. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES SEEK TO DEPORT--TO SOMEWHERE--BEGAN HIS 17TH DAY BEHIND BARS TODAY, AND CLAIMED HE SHOULD BE GRANTED FREEDOM ON BOND.

RIVERO'S ATTORNEY, GINO NEGRETTI, SAID HE WOULD ASK A SPECIAL IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEARING OFFICER, DANIEL SCHRULL, TO CONTINUE A DEPORTATION HEARING SET FOR TODAY UNTIL DISPOSITION OF A HABEAS CORPUS REQUEST. THE REQUEST IS TO BE HEARD WEDNESDAY BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE W.O. MEHRTENS.

U.S. OFFICIALS ADMITTED THEY DID NOT KNOW WHERE THEY COULD SEND RIVERO IF HIS EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES IS UPHELD. OBVIOUSLY, IT COULD NOT BE TO HIS COMMUNIST HOMELAND.

RIVERO WAS ARRESTED MAY 12 AND LODGED IN THE DADE COUNTY JAIL. LATER--AFTER GOING ON A HUNGER STRIKE--HE WAS MOVED TO A HOSPITAL PRISON WARD. HE FASTED NINE DAYS.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT CHARGE AGAINST HIM SAYS: "YOU... ARE A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION (CUBAN NATIONALIST ASSOCIATION) WHICH ADVOCATES (A) THE DUTY, NECESSITY OR PROPRIETY OF THE UNLAWFUL ASSAULTING OR KILLING OF ANY OFFICER...OF AN ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT (CUBA)... (B) THE UNLAWFUL DAMAGE, INJURY OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY...OR (C) SABOTAGE."

THE DEPARTMENT CHARGED FURTHER: "THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT YOU SEEK TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES SOLELY, PRINCIPALLY, OR INCIDENTALY TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST."

WHILE RIVERO ALREADY IS IN THE UNITED STATES, LEGALLY HE HAS NOT "ENTERED," SINCE HE CAME AS A REFUGEE.

CUBAN REFUGEES ARE IN THIS COUNTRY ON A "PAROLE" STATUS.

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