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ARCHACHA (440)

DALLAS, TEX., APRIL 4 (AP)-BURGLARY AND THEFT DETECTIVES WHO ARRESTED SERGIO VINCENTE ARCACHA SMITH AT HIS DALLAS HOME MONDAY SAID THE FORMER ANTI-CASTRO LEADER SEEMED TO BE WAITING FOR THEM.

ARCACHA, 44, WAS ARRESTED ON A WARRANT FROM DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON OF NEW ORLEANS.

THE WARRANT SAID ARCACHA AND DAVID FERRIE AND GORDON NOVEL WORKED TOGETHER IN A BURGLARY ATTEMPT.

FERRIE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES FEB. 28, SAID A NEW ORLEANS CORONER, BUT GARRISON STILL SAYS IT WAS SUICIDE AND THE DEAD PILOT FIGURED INTO HIS INVESTIGATION OF WHAT HE SAYS WAS A PLOT TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. NOVEL IS IN A COLUMBUS, OHIO, JAIL.

GARRISON'S OFFICE TELEPHONED DALLAS POLICE FRIDAY TELLING THEM OF THE WARRANT BUT POLICE TOLD THEM WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WAS NECESSARY. DALLAS POLICE GOT IT SATURDAY, HAD IT VERIFIED IN COUNTY COURT MONDAY MORNING AND WENT TO ARCACHA'S HOME.

ARCACHA AND NOVEL "MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED" TO THE PLOT GARRISON CLAIMS HE'S SOLVED, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID.

DALLAS OFFICERS ADMITTED ARCACHA'S ARREST, PICTURE-TAKING AND FINGERPRINTING WAS RUSHED UP "TO AVOID AN INCIDENT." DETECTIVES WAYNE B. POSEY AND CHARLES LEATHERS SAID IT TOOK THEM TWO HOURS TO FINISH THEIR WORK.

THE NEATLY-DRESSED ARCACHA "ACTED LIKE A GENTLEMAN," THEY SAID, THEY TOOK HIM TO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL AFTER HE HAD BEEN WARNED OF HIS RIGHTS BY CITY MAGISTRATE GREER DOWELL.

HIS ATTORNEY, FRANK P. HERNANDEZ WAS WAITING ON HIM AT THE COURTHOUSE OFFICE.

SOME OF GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS TRIED TO QUESTION THE FORMER CUBAN CAREER DIPLOMAT, BUT HE WOULD NOT TALK EXCEPT IN THE PRESENCE OF DALLAS POLICE OR HIS ATTORNEY.

DALLAS DIST. ATTY. BILL ALEXANDER HAD ADVISED ARCACHA NOT TO RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS UNLESS SUBPOENAED.

ARCACHA, WHO HAS LIVED IN DALLAS SINCE 1963 AND WORKS WITH THE EXPORT DIVISION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING FIRM, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE FEB. 27 HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE PLOT. HE TOLD HIS ARRESTING OFFICERS MONDAY, "GARRISON HASN'T GOT ANYTHING."

HE HAS ADMITTED KNOWING FERRIE BUT INSISTS HE KNOWS OF "NOTHING PERTINENT I COULD TELL THE NEW ORLEANS PEOPLE."

GARRISON'S WARRANT CHARGES THE TRIO CONSPIRED TO BURGLARIZE A MUNITIONS BUNKER IN HOUMA, LA., ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTHWEST OF NEW ORLEANS, IN 1961.

NEW ORLEANS CRIMINAL DIST. COURT JUDGE THOMAS BRAHNEY SET BOND AT \$5,000 FOR EACH BUT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CHARLIE T. DAVIS SET IT AT \$1,500.

ARCACHA, A FATHER OF FIVE, LEFT CUBA SHORTLY AFTER FIDEL CASTRO CAME TO POWER AND FIRST SETTLED IN MIAMI. HE SAID HE THEN LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS, MIAMI AGAIN, HOUSTON AND THEN DALLAS.

HE WAS CHIEF OF CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA BEFORE THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION IN 1961.

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