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LOS ANGELES, AP - A man detectives said was "apparently one of the main figures" in the James Hoffa bribery case was arrested Tuesday at his Laurel Canyon home.

D'Alton Carl Smith, 43, was arrested by detective Sgts. Lloyd O. Burton and Thomas T. Fitzsimon at his home at 3456 Laurel Canyon Blvd.

"We understand he is one of the main figures in the attempted bribery of judges in the Hoffa case," Fitzsimon said.

The detectives said they arrested Smith, formerly active in Los Angeles County political circles, on a grand jury bribery indictment returned in East Baton Rouge, La.

Hoffa was president of the Teamsters Union before his imprisonment.

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LOS ANGELES SMITH BRIBERY ARREST JA159LA ADD: IMPRISONMENT. THE INDICTMENT, RETURNED SEPT. 29, STATED THAT SMITH ALLEGEDLY OFFERED \$25,000 TO AUBREY YOUNG, A FORMER AIDE OF LOUISIANA GOV. JOHN MCKEITHEN, TO ACT AS A MIDDLEMAN IN AN EFFORT TO GET GRADY PARTIN TO CHANGE HIS TESTIMONY IN THE HOFFA CASE.

PARTIN IS A BATON ROUGE TEAMSTERS LEADER WHO WAS THE GOVERNMENT SURPRISE WITNESS AT THE CHATANOOGA TRIAL WHICH RESULTED IN HOFFA'S CONVICTION. PARTIN SAID HE HAD BEEN OFFERED \$1 MILLION TO CHANGE HIS STORY.

SMITH SURRENDERED THROUGH A LAWYER OCT. 3 AT DENTON, TEX., AND WAS RELEASED ON \$1,500 BOND. AN EXTRADITION HEARING WAS SET FOR NOV. 21.

LOS ANGELES POLICE, WHO HAD A WARRANT FOR SMITH'S ARREST, SAID THEY WERE TOLD BY SMITH'S ATTORNEY HERE THAT SMITH WAS IN TEXAS. NO ACTIVE SEARCH WAS MADE.

LAST WEEK A DUPLICATE WARRANT WAS RECEIVED BY THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FROM THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

SGT. FITZSIMON SAID HE CONFIRMED WITH EAST BATON ROUGE OFFICERS THAT THE ORIGINAL WARRANT WAS STILL VALID.

FITZSIMON SAID HE AND BURTON PICKED UP SMITH "BY LUCK" TUESDAY. THEY SAW HIM, FITZSIMON SAID, AS HE WAS TAKING MAIL OUT OF THE MAIL BOX IN FRONT OF HIS HOME.

THEY BOOKED HIM AT DOWNTOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND HE WAS ORDERED HELD IN LIEU OF BAIL.

FITZSIMON SAID SMITH TOLD HIM HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN BAIL BECAUSE HE HAD TO APPEAR AT DENTON FOR EXTRADITION HEARING NOV. 21.

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