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Theft of Viet Relief Goods

Camp Pendleton

Systematic thefts of relief supplies from the Vietnamese refugee center here was reported by the FBI yesterday after the discovery of a second large cache of stolen clothing, food and other items including chopsticks.

The FBI said up to \$30,000 worth of supplies was found in a warehouse Tuesday, and possibly \$10,000 more was located late Wednesday near the home of the marine in charge of distributing the items to refugees.

After surrendering voluntarily, Warrant Officer John William Moody, 44, and a friend Ann Marie Michalski, 37, also stationed at Camp Pendleton, pleaded not guilty Wednesday in San Diego.

They were freed on \$10,000 bond each pending preliminary hearings June 26 before a U.S. magistrate.

Moody, a former marine captain who was nearing retirement, was quoted by the

FBI as saying he set aside supplies to sell them because he needed money.

In an investigation around Moody's home, the FBI said, its agents found 146 items Wednesday including wooden chopsticks, military field jackets, gas masks, tarpaulins, electric heaters, candy, cigars and baby bottles.

A three-ton truck was filled with the goods and returned to Camp Pendleton. Earlier in the day, marines completed hauling from a nearby San Marcos warehouse three semi-trailer truckloads of stolen items including diapers, field jackets, bedsheets, cigars, soup, blankets, tables and shirts.

The loot was taken since April from the Marine Corps' relocation center where Moody has been operations officer for the assistant chief of staff for logistics and supply, in charge of distribution of supplies to the refugees.

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