

CIA accused of selling war dolphins

HONOLULU (AP) — Some government-trained dolphins capable of killing enemy swimmers and ferrying weapons were sold to Latin American countries by researchers connected with the Central Intelligence Agency, a former Navy scientist has testified.

Michael Greenwood, a defense witness in the trial of Kenneth Le Vasseur, said he left his civilian research job with the Navy in 1972 because of a disagreement with the intelligence community over the use of dolphins as weapons, and their sale to Latin American nations.

Le Vasseur, 28, and Steve Sipman, 26, are charged with theft for the release of two dolphins from University of Hawaii research tanks in May. They claimed they were freeing the dolphins, and the case is considered by many a test of "animal rights."

Sipman is to stand trial in February.

Dolphins at the Navy Underseas Center at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, were trained to be used as "weapons platforms," Greenwood said.

Research also was carried on at a CIA marine mammal center at Key West, Fla., where Greenwood worked for a period of time.
