

**Burglars' New Venture****Florida Watergate Next****Miami**

Convicted Watergate burglars Bernard Barker, Eugenio Martinez and Virgilio Gonzales, along with a Florida builder, plan a new housing project in Central Florida.

The \$7 million development will be called Watergate Hills.

"There's a lot of water and a lot of hills there," said builder John Priestes, who met Martinez and Gonzales while all three were in the federal prison at Eglin Air Force Base. Barker was released from the prison on bond the same day Priestes arrived.

Priestes, who served time for bribing a federal housing official, said Wednesday that he purchased the Lake Wales site before his conviction last year. He said he will direct land development and construction and his partners will handle sales.

Priestes has testified before the Watergate grand jury in Washington about a \$25,000 contribution he made to the Committee to Re-Elect the President in 1972.

He said he expected the participation of Barker, Martinez and Gonzales to be an asset.

"I think it'll definitely help sales," he said. "Bernie is regarded as something of

an international hero and I'm trying to climb out of a hole as a local villain."

Barker, discussing his sales approach to customers, added, "We promise not to bug them."

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