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### Cuban exile Robert Ferro arrested on weapons possession - plot to kill Fidel Castro?

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Los Angeles Times | By Lance Pugmire

A Cuban exile arrested on suspicion of stashing more than 1,000 guns in his Upland home told federal authorities that the weapons were for a quasi-military group bent on overthrowing President Fidel Castro, but police officials said that may be a cover story for a black-market gun ring.

Federal agents on Wednesday found hundreds of additional firearms as well as live hand grenades in a follow-up search of the San Bernardino County home of Robert Ferro, 61, a retired Army Special Forces officer, adding to the 875 guns and automatic weapons confiscated Friday.

Ferro told federal investigators that he was a member of Alpha 66, "a militant group who collectively desire to overthrow Fidel Castro and liberate the country of Cuba," according to an affidavit filed in federal court by Special Agent Keith Krolczyk of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Ferro said the organization of Cuban exiles paid for the guns and had other caches of weapons, according to the court document.

Ferro's wife appeared surprised when she learned of his comments about overthrowing Castro.

"To hear this is shocking. I don't know what's going on. I don't understand it," Maria Ferro said as she watched federal agents search her home. "I know he wants Castro out of Cuba, but I didn't know the other things he wanted to get into."

She also said that she was aware that her husband had a gun collection — but not one so vast.

Ferro's arrest on federal weapons charges comes more than a decade after he was accused of running a paramilitary camp on a Pomona chicken ranch to train Mexican nationals to overthrow Castro.



BI and ATF agents accompanied by Upland police again storm the sprawling two-story Spanish-tiled home at 2000 block of Tapia Way in Upland, looking for more firearms and explosives. Last Friday, authorities arrested the homeowner, Robert Ferro, 61, a retired Army Special Agent Forces officer, accusing him of running a huge black-market gun business out of the home. Officers are

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seen gathered in front of the garage where they have discovered more firearms hidden in secret room accessed through a gun safe in the garage.  
(Irfan Khan / LAT)

Authorities found 5 pounds of the explosive C-4 at the ranch, and in 1992, Ferro was convicted of possessing illegal explosives and sentenced to two years in prison.

Federal, state and local police raided Ferro's home Friday as part of an investigation into a man accused of wounding his wife and a Glendora police officer in separate shootings.

The suspected gunman, Frank Fidel Beltran, 36, of La Verne, was arrested March 27 at a Rancho Cucamonga home owned by Ferro. Beltran eluded capture after allegedly shooting a police officer responding to a domestic disturbance call, and then allegedly shooting his estranged wife weeks later in San Dimas.

When he was arrested after a standoff, Beltran had a handgun with a silencer and an assault rifle, authorities said.

"Those are similar weapons to the ones we're finding at this [Ferro's] home," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Randall Stover.

Along with federal gun violations, Ferro is accused of harboring a fugitive. Ferro's arraignment in U.S. District Court in Riverside was postponed until today, and he plans to plead not guilty, according to his attorney, Wayne M. Rozenberg.

Rozenberg requested the postponement, in part, because Ferro, who wears a pacemaker, did not have his prescribed heart medication Wednesday. Ferro was in the medical unit at West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga, Rozenberg said.

Authorities said that the stockpile of guns was probably being sold on the black market from Ferro's home, at gun shows, swap meets and by appointment at Upland's Finest Collectibles Gallery, which his wife operates.

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**Follow up post #1 added on May 08, 2006 bynikki sixx**

omg! i use to go to this house when i was little, i was best friends with ferro's daughter...this is so wierd

**Follow up post #2 added on May 22, 2006 byCARMEN FERRO**

I would love to comment on behalf of the Ferro Family and my father Robert Ferro who is a patriot who fought for this country and who was trained by U.S.A government to fight for freedom is now a prisoner of this country. The same government used to train him and support vietnam is the same government that in-prisones him. He is a man of peace and he is an awesome father with nothing but love to give. Anyone that has negative things to say about my father God bless you for you don't kow him and you speak without knowledge of someone's life. The media has to over exaggerate everything because it's a business and thats thier job. The more Americans they reel in to fear Ferro the more readers and the more ratings they get. And as for law enfocement, government officails and ATF well they have to look like heros in any given situation and they need to add a little extra salt on people's wounds to get a better paycheck. So my family and i have forgiven the horrible things that they put us through but we won't forget. The judical system is so crooked , you would literally have to experiance an incident to know. The only proection you can really trust in life is the Lord. Not police, not so called friends etc.... Anyone that reads about my father will be shocked and like "OMG!! How wired!!" but don't believe all the garbage on T.V and the newspapers because remember they are an ENETRTAINMENT BUSINESS!! enough said. For those of you who know my family and my father thanks for the support and we will send you an invite to a BBQ when my father is released. thanks-Carmen Ferro

FREE FERRO!!!

As for:

Nikkisixx???? I am Robert Ferro's daughter and who are you? If it's wierd then you obviously never knew my father and you are not such a "friend" after all.....

**Follow up post #3 added on May 25, 2006 byCARMEN FERRO**

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Good to see you in court again. Well above you have inside thoughts of a Ferro, so try to write something positive. Thanks. See you soon.

-Carmen Ferro  
FREE FERRO!!!!



**[Follow up post #4](#) added on March 26, 2007 by **Erick Orozco****

My support goes to the Ferro family. I've heard nothing but good things about Mr. Ferro from his daughter, Lanai, and I hope that he is release and be able to reunite with his family soon. Being a military myself, my respect goes to this former Special Forces Officer.

**[Follow up post #5](#) added on June 23, 2007 by **Manuel****

FREE FERRO!!!

**[Follow up post #6](#) added on November 02, 2007 by **Bounty Hunter****

Forget about it people... he deserves to go to jail forever... for having so many weapons... and housing criminals. Yea...

**[Follow up post #7](#) added on January 04, 2008 by **jamesmichael****

Officer Robert Ferro is/was doing what the Kennedys (President John F. & attorney general Bobby) failed to do with the 'Bay of Pigs' invasion in the early 60s.

Remember-please read your history.

I'm sure 'BigBrother' has a much different version of all this Now.

I am a Vietnam Era Army vet (M60 main battle tank gunner/TC; USAEUR)

Do the math.

Have a great day America!

**[Follow up post #8](#) added on June 05, 2008 by **GW****

Hooray for Ferro, most of the charges against him were dropped last May and only a minor felony remains. Hopefully this'll mean that Ferro will be acquitted on the case and just fined a sum of money! Support the Ferro in their case and FREE FERRO!

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**[Follow up post #9](#) added on August 18, 2009 by **James Wade****

Robert Ferro was a true father to me, During the rough teen years of my life i looked up to him as a great inspiration. He was a brave and great man that risked his life to defend the sovereign freedom of this great country that now unfortunately in-prisons him. i believe that it is not the freedom loving people that bring corruption to this republic but the aristocrats who run it, god bless America. Carmen, it shows that you are truly a great person to defend your father so valiantly. if there was a group that was bent on overthrowing the sovereign democracy of the USA, Robert Ferro would step up to defend our liberty no matter what situation he would be involved in, in federal apprehension i would know that Robert Ferro would volunteer to defend our great freedom if threatened by a formidable force. God Bless and Long live the valiant Robert "Maddog" Ferro!!!

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