

# FORMER OTTAWAN CHARGED WITH THEFT

Lupe "Chief" Cardenas, well-known Ottawa police character, was arrested today near Elgin in connection with the \$116,000 armed robbery of the Sampson Corp., in Chicago on Dec. 13. La Salle County States Attorney Robert Richardson said that over the past several weeks, his office, the FBI and state police detectives had been conducting an investigation into the affairs of Cardenas, in connection with the Chicago robbery.

In the Chicago robbery, a large amount of radios with a wholesale value of \$116,000 were stolen. Police found that a number of the radios were turning up in Ottawa after the robbery.

The resultant investigation traced the radios to Cardenas, who recently moved from Ottawa to a residence near Elgin.

State police detective Franklin R. Lampe, obtained a warrant for the former Ottawan's arrest and took him into custody at 8:15 a.m. He was transported from his new residence to Ottawa where he was charged with theft, specifically with receiving stolen property.

Cardenas was taken before Magistrate Judge Louis Goetsch for a hearing soon after his arrest this morning on the charge

and was released on \$3,000 bond after the state's attorney requested and received a 10-day continuance of the case.

Though Cardenas is said to have had numerous brushes with the law over the years, available information indicates that his lone conviction has been for falsifying information to obtain a driver's license for which he was fined and served a sentence in the county jail.

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# Cardenas' Case To

## Grand Jury April 19

La Salle County State's Attorney Robert Richardson said this morning that he will attempt to seek an indictment against Lupe "Chief" Cardenas, formerly of Ottawa, from the La Salle County Grand Jury April 19.

Cardenas was arrested March 30 near Elgin in connection with a Dec. 13 robbery in Chicago in which \$116,000 in radios was reported stolen.

Richardson indicated he will

ask the grand jury for an indictment of theft, specifically with receiving stolen property, against Cardenas.

The Ottawan's apprehension followed an intensive investigation by the FBI, state police detectives and Richardson's office. Authorities have said that a number of the radios stolen in the Chicago robbery turned up in the Ottawa area and were traced back to Cardenas. Cardenas is presently free on \$3,000 bond.

# INDICT CARDENAS FOR THEFT

The La Salle County Grand Jury indicted Lupe J. Cardenas this morning in connection with the alleged possession of a number of radios taken in a \$116,000 Holdup at Chicago Dec. 13.

Cardenas, formerly of Ottawa, who is also known as "Chief", was indicted for theft, specifically with receiving stolen property.

No date has been set for a hearing of the case in Circuit Court at Ottawa.

Cardenas' arrest followed an intensive investigation by state police, the FBI and State's Attorney Robert E. Richardson's office. The state's attorney said a quantity of the stolen radios, which had not been placed on sale to the public, were recovered in La Salle County by Franklin Lampe of Peru, a state police detective.

The \$116,000 figure is the value to the manufacture of the radios reported stolen and does not reflect their retail cost.

# CARDENAS ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

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Lupe J. Cardenas, formerly of Ottawa, pleaded innocent to a theft charge at a hearing in Circuit Court at Ottawa and his case has been continued for jury trial.

The former Ottswan, is free on \$3,000 bond. Presently living near Aurora, Cardenas is charged with having possession of several radios taken in a holdup Dec. 13, 1964.

Police officials have said they have traced a number of radios, which turned up in the Ottawa area, to Cardenas. He is being charged only in connection with the stolen goods which appeared in this area and not in connection with the holdup itself.

In the December 13 robbery, three men tied a guard at the Sampson Corp., in Chicago and stole radios valued at a manufacturer's cost of \$116,000.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE, WED

# Tells Hood's Advice to Kill Hijack Pal

BY THOMAS POWERS

William [William] Potatoes] Daddano, crime syndicate boss of Kane and Du Page counties, urged the death of a truck stop owner who had been arrested while working with a hijack ringleader, a government witness testified yesterday in federal District court.



Daddano

Patrick Schang, 33, who is in protective custody, said he met with Daddano and the late Angelo Boscario in a bowling alley Oct. 8, 1963, a day after Schang helped hijack a \$350,000 load of silver bullion on the Indiana toll road.

### Trailer, Truck Disguised

Schang said Boscario, who later was murdered, told Daddano he was arranging bond for Richard E. Frederick of Shabbona, De Kalb county, who owned the truck stop where the stolen trailer and truck were disguised by repainting. Frederick was arrested later while driving the truck.

Schang said Daddano told them, "You ought to dig a hole for him."

Last Friday, Frederick told Judge Bernard Decker and a jury of six men and six women that federal agents had warned him he might be killed for his part in the hijacking.

John L. Conlon, assistant United States attorney, directed the questioning of Schang as he involved the following defendants in the alleged conspiracy: Ernest [Rocky] Infelice, 45; Thomas D. Bambalza, 29; Anthony Legato, 35; Roy Nielsen, 32; John A. Borsellino, 33; Joseph Rossi, 30; Kenneth Bratko, 30; Emil Crowell, 42; Albert [The Chief] Cardenas, 33; and Max Heckmyer, 50.

### Trial Resumes Today

The trial will be resumed at 9 a. m. today, when, according to Lawrence A. Morrissey, assistant United States attorney, witnesses from the New York area will testify about activities of the ring in New York. One of the defendants is Michael D'Alesio, 53, of Elizabeth, N. J., a figure in New York and New Jersey rackets.

Daddano and 14 other persons are on trial for conspiracy to possess \$201,000 in silver bullion and photographic equipment

stolen from interstate shipment. The government has named Daddano as the leader of the gang.

### Tells of Selling Loot

Schang also testified he met with another defendant, John [The Bug] Varella, the same day in a Hillside restaurant and he told Schang and Boscario that he could fence the 11,000 pounds of silver for \$3 a pound. Schang also told about selling a load of stolen camera equipment to Morris Saltsko, another defendant, who is manager of a La Salle street restaurant, for \$15,000.

### EDUCATIONAL

#### "MOD" DESIGNER



In the young designers' fashion festival presented recently by members of the dress design classes at the Kay-Vogue Schools, Alice Johanson, shown above, was voted by the judges to be the outstanding "mod" designer. She wears one of her original designs in navy wool, sharpened with silver buttons. The "suspenders design" which buttons onto the skirt is interesting and graceful.

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# 13 SENTENCES IN HIJACK CASE TOTAL 175 YRS.

## Six Are Denied Bail, Labeled as Menaces

BY MCKEY ENSTAD

Thirteen members of a gang who hijacked a truck were sentenced to a combined total of 175 years in prison in federal District court yesterday. Length of the prison terms ranged from 10 to 15 years.



Judge Bernard M. Decker said 175 of the defendants \$10,000 each and denied appeal bonds to six. He said the six were "a continuing menace and danger to the community."

The 13 were convicted by a jury June 6 of conspiracy in the theft from interstate shipments of \$20,000 in silver jewelry and Federal Reserve notes. The loot was taken in four hijackings of semi-trailer trucks in the Chicago area in 1961 and 1962.

Leaders Get 20 Years

Sentences of 20 years were given Thomas David Hamilton, 30, of 560 Cortland av., Norwood township, and John A. Marcellino, 36, of 711 Magnolia circle, Lombard. Both were convicted of the conspiracy and of kidnapping a truck driver. Judge Decker denied them appeal bonds.

Fifteen-year sentences were given Rocco (Big Rucky) Infelise, 44, a crime syndicate figure who lives at 187 LeRoy av., Madras Park; Roy Nelson, 33, of 111 S. Milwaukee av.; Earl Crowell, 43, of 1813 N. 12th av., Madras Park; Albert (Lard) Cardenas, 34, of 4710; and John (Johnny the Dog) Varetto, 41, of 1119 Harold Erma dr., River Forest.

Varetto, who also was fined \$10,000, told Judge Decker, "I've tried to be a good boy all of my life." Police have identified Varetto as a muscle man for the crime syndicate.

Cardenas Allowed Bail

All those receiving the 15-year terms were denied appeal bonds, except Cardenas. His bond was set at \$20,000.

Decker sentenced the remaining six defendants to 10 years in prison and set their appeal bonds at \$20,000 each. They are Anthony Lepato, 30, of 1000 and 1/2 av., Oak Lawn; Frank Gatta, 43, of 2327 Cicotta st., Daley; Joseph Rossi, 33, of 2524 N. Riverside dr., Franklin Park; Kenneth Bralich, 31, of 6200 S. Karlov av.; Max Hochmayer, 31, of 6218 N. Miami av.; and Martin (Mackie Bear) Eshelby, 33, of 4125 Chase av., Lincolnwood, who also was fined \$10,000.

Has \$10,000 Residence

Kajetha told Decker that he lives in a \$20,000 home. He said he receives \$40 a week as a cashier at the H & H restaurant, 203 N. La Salle st., and also has a Christmas tree and watermelon business.

Government witnesses in the trial identified Kajetha as a distributor of the stolen Federal Reserve notes and that Varetto was named as the distributor of the hijacked silver.

"Varetto knows what happened to more than a million dollars in stolen silver," said Lawrence H. Moriarty, Moriarty and John L. Conlan, assistant United States attorneys, prosecuted the case.

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## Cardenas Allowed Bail

All those receiving the 15-year terms were denied appeal bonds, except Cardenas. His bond was set at \$50,000.

Decker sentenced the remaining six defendants to 10 years in prison and set their appeal bonds at \$25,000 each. They are Anthony Legato, 36, of 10340 52d av., Oak Lawn; Frank Gallo, 40, of 3307 Cicotte st., Niles; Joseph Rossi, 30, of 2636 N. Riverside dr., Franklin Park; Kenneth Bratko, 31, of 6600 S. Karlov av.; Max Heckmyer, 51, of 6316 N. Mozart av.; and Morris [Mashie Baer] Saletko, 52, of 4255 Chase av., Lincolnwood, who also was fined \$10,000.

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# Second Jail Term Given Cardenas

CHICAGO (AP) — A man caught possessing hijacked appliances while appealing an earlier sentence for hijacking was

number will rise as more qualify by supplying adequate services. Also taking part are 1,900 home health agencies (a visiting nurses' association, for instance) and some 2,400 independent laboratories providing various kinds of diagnostic services.

As if the normal, expected enlargement of the 65-and-over age group were not enough to pose heavy future difficulties for Medicare and the nation's

sentenced today to five years in prison.

He is Albert Lupo Cardenas, 40, who the government said had crime syndicate connections but whose lawyer described him as "small potatoes."

Cardenas, of Elgin, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to possessing six hair dryers, eight blenders and a massager taken from a shipment bound from Chicago to New York Dec. 18.

Judge Julius J. Hoffman directed that the five-year term run consecutively to one for 15 years imposed on Cardenas' conviction of being part of a ring that hijacked a multimillion dollar load of silver.

He was out on \$50,000 appeal bond in the silver case when he was arrested Dec. 29 and charged with possessing the appliances.



# Cartage Thief Gets 15 Years In Prison

An accused cartage thief linked to a stolen truck found in Forest View on December 12 has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for possession of stolen property.

Judge Julius J. Hoffman pronounced the sentence on **Albert Lupe Cardenas**, who gave no home address, in Federal Court.

The judge also sentenced Cardenas to five more years after the man pleaded guilty to theft. The sentences are to run concurrently.

CARDENAS' arrest came after a truck was found abandoned at 4901 Central ave. by F. V. Patrolman Ted Lucas and Special Officer Larry Waszak. It was identified as one stolen earlier from the Raum Warehouse, 3250 Western ave., Chicago.

When arrested later, Cardenas had in his possession three cases of kitchen blenders which were identified as part of a shipment of 300 cases missing from the abandoned truck.