

Government gave drug dealer immunity, money for testimony

The Associated Press
 MIAMI — The government gave \$170,000 and immunity for hundreds of drug deals to a key witness against two of Manuel Noriega's co-defendants, prosecutors acknowledged Tuesday.

The co-defendants, Brian Davidow and William Saldarriaga, face trial Monday on charges they conspired to import more than 700 pounds of cocaine aboard a freighter in March 1986, a deal allegedly protected by the deposed Panamanian dictator. Noriega will be tried separately in June.

One of the co-defendants' chief accusers is Ramon Navarro. Prosecutors have given the defense a list of payments made to Navarro by Customs and other agencies amounting to \$170,000.

Navarro "has made 20, 30, 50 shipments of cocaine, he's made umpty-nine millions of dollars—not one penny of which they've taken from him in

income taxes," said Davidow's attorney, Richard Sharpstein. "As a matter of fact, they've paid him \$170,000."

Navarro allegedly witnessed meetings in Panama between the defendants and engaged in drug deals with them.

He was given immunity for all his crimes in 1986 but had the immunity guarantee renewed by prosecutors in January, suggesting he may have committed more crimes after he began cooperating, Sharpstein charged.

Chief prosecutor Michael Sullivan did not respond directly to the renewed immunity question.

Diane Cossin, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined to comment.

But Sullivan acknowledged to U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler that Navarro had admitted importing drugs and had received immunity from prosecution for the offenses.

"We have not tried to sit Ramon Navarro down and ask him every crime he committed in his life," Sullivan said. "He's said, quite frankly, he's committed hundreds."

The issue came up as attorneys for Davidow and Saldarriaga sought to force the government to reveal more about deals it allegedly made with potential witnesses against the two men.

Hoeveler said he expected to rule on the co-defendants' motions within two days.

Davidow, 29, faces up to 60 years if convicted, while Saldarriaga could get 40 years. Saldarriaga, a Colombian citizen, is in jail; Davidow, a Miami resident, is free on bail.

All other co-defendants in the February 1988 Noriega indictment have either pleaded guilty or are fugitives, except for pilot Daniel Miranda, who awaits trial on charges he transported drug money.

Noriega is set to go on trial June 24 on charges he accepted \$4.6 million from the Medellin cocaine cartel in Colombia to allow Panama to be a safe haven for the traffickers.

'Cards of Color' reflect ethnicity

By Jennifer Davis
 Staff writer

While playing cards one evening, two African-American attorneys from Detroit decided there was something wrong with their cards ... specifically, they were not "Cards of Color."

Three years ago, H. Russell Smith, an associate at Lewis, White & Clay, P.C. in Detroit, and James Foster, a sole practitioner and part-time magistrate for the city of Highland Park, Mich., decided they were tired of playing with cards that did not look like them.

So, they decided to create a company that would manufacture playing cards with African-American faces.

Two years later, Blacks Factor Inc. was formed by the two attorneys, and a set of playing cards featuring African-American face cards and a silhouette of Africa on the cards' backs went on sale.

Presently, the Detroit-based company only sells Cards of Color by mail order and in stores specializing in African-American products. The cards sell for \$5.50 for one pack and \$10.50 for two. Smith and Foster plan to distribute the cards through a major distributing firm that would place the cards into mainstream retail outlets soon.

"They are ethnic without being political," said Smith, co-father of the Cards of Color. "The art (on the cards) is what attracts people."

Most important, Smith said, they wanted the cards to be functional and to be "a reinforcement of positive black images."

Almer Reddick, a junior journalism major from Williamston, said he thought the cards were a good idea. He said he felt the cards with African-American faces should be an accepted part of our culture and not viewed as something special.

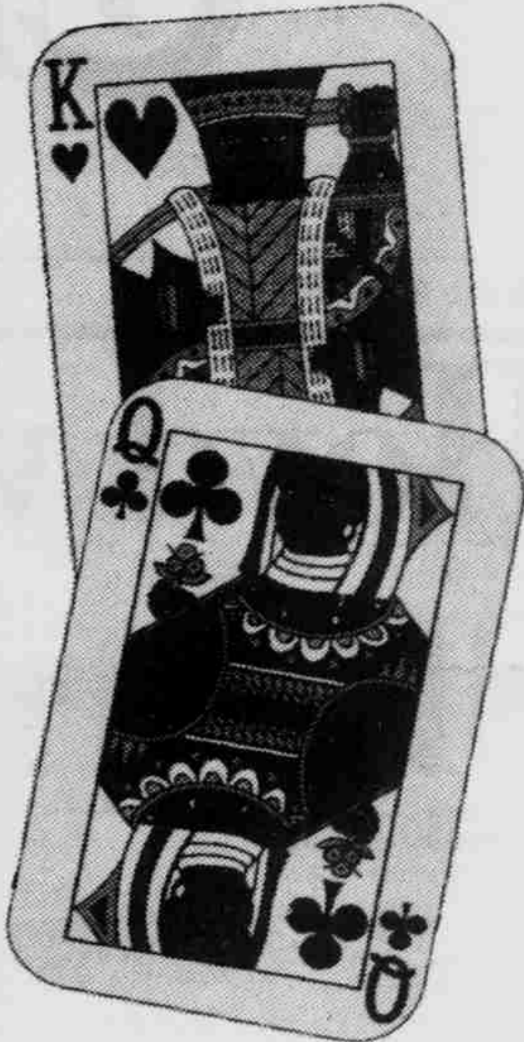
"The cards themselves should be their selling point," he said, "not the complexion of the faces on them."

Erika Campbell, a junior English major from Chattanooga, Tenn., and co-editor of The Black Ink, said she was glad to see vestiges of the African-American culture in the playing cards.

"We live and exist in this American culture, but too often, we don't see ourselves in the everyday workings of that culture," she said.

Foster and Smith attended high school together at Detroit's Cass Technical High School when they began playing cards together and later attended the University of Michigan where the tradition continued.

Smith said the cards were selling well.



The cards can be ordered by contacting Blacks Factor Inc. at (313) 867-1160 in Detroit.

Correction

In the Feb. 19 Daily Tar Heel article, "Electrical short in restaurant blamed for Franklin Street fire," the owner of C.O. Copies misidentified himself. The owner should have been identified as Chris Belcher.

In the Feb. 19 DTH article, "Co-ed honor fraternity to begin spring se-

mester pledge process," Jill Rosenberg, Phi Sigma Pi's initiation chairwoman, was incorrectly identified as a graduate of Eastern Carolina University. Mark Pabst, a Phi Sigma Pi national officer, should have been identified as an ECU graduate. The DTH regrets the errors.

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY
 10 a.m. ACC Tournament ticket sign-up sheets will be available in the Pit until 2 p.m. You must bring your ID and registration card. Winners will be announced at the Clemson game. For more information call CAA at 962-4300. Wednesday is the last day to sign-up.

Noon: Please join the Brothers of Mu Zeta as they continue to celebrate Alpha Week '91 with their annual Black Student/Faculty Mixer in 211 Union until 2 p.m.

The Institute of Latin American Studies presents a brown bag lunch talk on "Economic Considerations for the Pharmaceutical Business in Latin America" by Peter Young, Glaxo Vice President for Business Development, in 210 Union.

The Women's Studies Department will have a program today by Anastasia Sims in the Toy Lounge of Dey Hall.

2 p.m. "Nota Bene's Text Base," by Jose Sandoval, IRSS, will be in 02 Manning until 4 p.m.

3:30 p.m. Industrial Relations Association will host guest speaker Houston Bagley in 209 Union. All Industrial Relations majors are encouraged to attend.

JOB HUNT 104: On-Site Interviewing Workshop will be held in 209 Hanes.

Department of Statistics and The Center of Stochastic Processes welcomes Steven P. Lalley of the Department of Statistics and Mathematics at Purdue University to speak on "Traveling Waves in Branching Diffusions" in 324 Phillips. (Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. in Nicholson Lounge.)

Cafe Francais today and every Thursday until 5:30 p.m. in 212 Dey. Tous sont bienvenus!

4 p.m. North Carolinian of Scottish descent? Receive a generous scholarship for study abroad in St. Andrews or Edinburgh, Scotland. Information session in the Study Abroad Office in 12 Caldwell Hall.

5 p.m. AIESEC, Association of Students in In-

ternational Economics and Commerce, will have a general members meeting in 211 Union. Dinner and dessert will follow.

Initial Study Abroad Returnee Club Meeting for all those who have either already studied abroad or who intend to do so through UNC. Club meeting to be held in the Study Abroad Office located in the basement of Caldwell Hall.

Free Vegetarian Dinner — Homemade meals; all are welcome to come to Gerrard Hall today and every Wednesday until 7 p.m. Sponsored by the UNC Vegetarian Society.

5:30 p.m. Student Night Dinner — \$2 donation — and at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Shugue from Duke's Catholic Campus Ministry will speak on the Lutheran/Catholic Covenant, at The Newman Catholic Center, 218 Pittsboro St. 942-8471.

The Asian Students Association will have its weekly meeting in 206 Union. The upcoming International Festival and elections will be discussed, as well as a Chinese watercolor demonstration.

6 p.m. The RAMS group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets tonight and every Wednesday night in Chase Dining Room B. This is an open meeting; all interested people are welcome.

The Wesley Foundation, located behind the Carolina Inn on Pittsboro Street, invites you to join them for dinner which will be followed by a massage workshop. Come learn how to give a massage!

6:30 p.m. Project Literacy Adult Tutor Training — Anyone interested in becoming a tutor must attend this training session in the upstairs lounge of the Campus Y. Questions or conflicts, call Liz at 933-1300.

7 p.m. "Ethnic Economic Success or Failure: Culture or discrimination" will be explored by William Darity of the Afro-American and African Studies in 101 Greenville.

The Pre-Law Club welcomes N.C. Court of

Appeals Judge Edward Greene to 206 Union. All are invited!

The Carolina Comic Book Club meets in the Union. All comic book enthusiasts are welcome! Call are welcome to attend! Call 933-0085 for the room number.

Student Government will have a forum in 226 Union. The topic is the multi-cultural curriculum.

8 p.m. The Carolina Indian Circle will hold a very important meeting to discuss Culture Week 1991 in 100 Murphy. All members are encouraged to attend!

Come watch "Shag — The Movie" with the UNC Shag Club in the Union Auditorium. For further information call Wendy at 933-1081. For anyone who wants to go on our Myrtle Beach Shag Trip, please bring your \$20 deposit.

"Sweet Honey in the Rock" will perform in Memorial Hall: \$10 for students and \$14 for the public.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

The Senior Class is sponsoring a Letter Writing Campaign to the American soldiers in the Middle East who receive little or no mail. Stop by the Pit 11 a.m.-2 p.m. today or Thursday, Feb. 21 to create a card or letter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Voulez-vous parler francais avec La Maison Francais? Vous devez assister a notre reunion a Lenoir Hall (North Dining Room) de 6:30 h a 7:30 h le mercredi. On discute des actualites, des Francais et de tout ce que vous aimez! Questions? Donnez un coup de fil a Laura a 933-1003.

Information/Library Science Career Fair is today in Great Hall.

There will be an information and application meeting for those student interested in earning a free trip

to the Soviet Union through the UNC-Soviet Exchange, on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in 208 Union.

Tax Seminars for International Student and Scholars will be sponsored by the International Center on Thursday, March 7 in Great Hall from 5-6:30 p.m. for students and from 7:30-9 p.m. for scholars. A second seminar will be held on April 4 from 4-5:30 p.m. for students and 6:30-8 p.m. for scholars. Any internationals who have received paychecks in 1990 need to file a tax return by April 15th.

The Human Rights Week Committee is now accepting applications for co-chairs. No experience is necessary; you need only have a desire, some initiative and some ideas for addressing the domestic and international abuse of Human Rights. Applications are due by 4:30 Friday, March 1 at the Y.

The Office of Leadership Development is looking for students with significant leadership experience and an interest in working with student organizations to serve as Peer Leadership Consultants. Applications are available at the office in 01 Steele or at the Union desk. They are due Feb. 22.

International Students! Would you like an English conversation partner? Would you like some help with English? One hour a week, and it's free of charge. Fill out a yellow application form at the International Center in the Union. Spouses are also welcome to attend.

Class of '38 Summer Study Abroad Fellowship Applications are now available at the International Center. Three fellowships of \$2,600 each are awarded for students interested in an independent study project abroad that is tied to his personal and career aspirations. Deadline is March 1. For more information stop by the International Center or call 962-5661.

The Tar Heel Recycling Program announces that today's Mobile Drop is between Everett and Cobb residence halls for newspapers, glass and aluminum.

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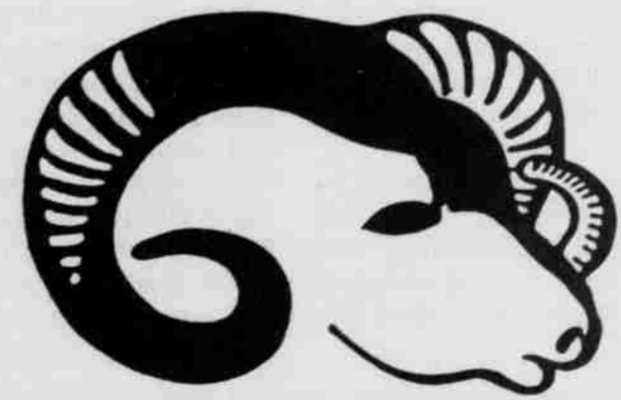
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