

Four men taken into custody during cocaine drug bust in Austin on August 19

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A search warrant served Wednesday, August 19, at an apartment on Bond Street in Austin reaped four suspects, all of whom now face drug-related charges.

Taken into custody on that date were Jose Bucio, 38; Fabian Lopez, 31; and Gaspar Martinez, 25, all residents of the apartment, and Leonel Resendiz, 56, a neighbor in the same apartment complex.

Lopez and Martinez are charged with possession of with intent to deliver cocaine, Class B felonies, and maintaining a common nuisance, a Class d felony. Bucio is charged with two counts of dealing in cocaine, a Class B felony; as well as the possession and maintaining charges. Resendiz is charged with visiting a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor.

According to the probable cause affidavit prepared by Major/Detective Lonnie Noble of the Austin Police Department, Det. Noble witnessed two cocaine purchases at the apartment involving Bucio on July 28 and August 18. The search warrant was prepared based on those alleged buys.

Det. Noble arrived at the apartment during the evening hours accompanied by Scott County Probation Officer Scott Pool, Reserve Officer Larry Stout and Indiana State Police Trooper Tracy Spencer. The suspects offered no resistance. Baggies containing cocaine were allegedly found in the men's bathroom and in a clothes basket, which also contained a set of digital scales. Pre-marked drug enforcement money was allegedly found on Bucio and Martinez.

Lopez waived his right to an initial hearing in Scott Circuit Court, entering a not guilty plea through his attorney on August 21. His jury trial date was scheduled for January 12, 2010. A bail hearing was set for August 25.

Bucio and Martinez were also scheduled for initial hearings that Friday, but each was postponed until Tuesday, August 25, so that an interpreter could be available for the men. Public defenders were appointed for the pair.

In each suspect's case, bail was set at \$75,000 corporate surety or full cash.

Resendiz appeared for his initial hearing in Scott Superior Court on August 21. His trial was set for December 8, and his bail was set at \$10,000 corporate surety or 10% cash.