

KILLER'S ARREST RECALLS '75 \ INCIDENT DUPLICATES EARLIER WEAPONS-DRUG BUST

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A convicted murderer and reputed hit man for drug dealers -- who triggered a furor in 1975 when he was arrested with notebooks filled with details about drug investigations and top law enforcement officials -- was arrested Wednesday by federal agents.

The arrest of **Chester Wheeler** Campbell, 57, appeared to be a carbon copy of the 1975 incident in which police also seized drugs and weapons from him.

Marijuana, heroin, cocaine, one shotgun, six handguns -- one equipped with a silencer -- and the ingredients for a remote- controlled firebomb were among the items seized from Campbell Wednesday, said Kenneth Walton, special agent in charge of the Michigan FBI office.

Campbell, on parole for a federal weapons violation, was arrested at 9 a.m. by FBI and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents as he drove from his home in the 5200 block of Ivanhoe on Detroit's west side, Walton said.

"We received information that he was a convicted felon who was in possession of firearms," Walton said.

AFTER Campbell stepped out of the car, FBI agents searched him and found a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and "what appeared to be a ballpoint pen, but was actually what is known as a pen gun that fires a single .22 caliber bullet," Walton said.

Inside the car, Walton said, agents found a .44 Magnum semi- automatic pistol loaded with exploding bullets, a .357 Magnum revolver, a .38 caliber revolver, a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol and a 12-gauge shotgun.

The agents also found about \$10,000 cash in the car and a book containing the names and addresses of "what appears to be every known major narcotics dealer in Detroit," Walton said.

The car also was filled with what Walton called "personal, handwritten records and other documents . . . that appear to be surveillance reports on various individuals and . . . records of various narcotics transactions."

In the trunk, agents found a remote control timing device, blasting caps and gasoline, Walton said.

During a search of Campbell's two-story brick home, agents found another shotgun, three more revolvers and 44 pounds of marijuana, Walton said.

CAMPBELL, who has served time in prison on murder, robbery and drug charges, was paroled in September 1984 after being convicted on weapons charges.

He appeared Wednesday before U.S. District Court Magistrate Virginia Morgan on charges of illegally possessing weapons and possession with intent to distribute heroin.

Morgan ordered Campbell held without bond. If convicted, Campbell faces a maximum sentence of 50 years.

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Campbell

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