

It was also revealed Tuesday that Argueta had been paid over \$1000 by the INS for his cooperation in the Sanctaury case, and had received an additional \$290 for serving as an INS informant in another case in Los Angeles, California.

Argueta implied that his participation in the Los Angeles was purely voluntary by claiming that the \$290 was "only for expenses." In the course of that investigation, Argueta turned his wife in to the INS as part of a larger smuggling operation. As a result, Argueta's wife is now awaiting a deportation hearing.

Throughout testimony, Argueta played down his relationship with the INS and claimed that he and his wife were not promised any special treatment regarding their immigration status. However, defense attorneys said that unless Argueta expected some sort of preferential treatment for his total cooperation with the government, there is no logical explanation for his behavior.

In other Sanctuary related action, about 75 individuals in the Tucson area, including the 11 Sanctuary defendants, and several hundred nationwide filed requests for any files that the government might have on them in relation to their Sanctuary activities. Several congregations, including those that were infiltrated during the Sanctuary investigation, also filed requests with the INS, the CIA, the FBI and other governmental agencies. One major denomination, the Unitarian Universalist Association, joined in the request on behalf of its congregations nationwide.

Speaking at a noon press conference on the matter was Ken Grossinger of the Fund for Open Information and Accountability, a non-profit organization whose purpose is in part "to expose the level of government infiltration and surveillance of both Sanctuary movement and other religious organizations throughout the United States."

Grossinger was joined at the conference by Sanctuary attorney, Ellen Yaroshefsky of the Center For Constitutional Rights, two of the Sanctuary defendants, and representatives from some of the churches filing the requests.

Commenting on the requests, Sister Darlene Nicgorski likened the governments investigative techniques to those which she experienced in Guatemala around the period when her parish priest was murdered by the Guatemalan military.

Over the weekend the Sanctuary movement demonstrated that it is alive and kicking as five more Sanctuary workers were arrested with a family of seven Salvadoran refugees in their cars near Naco, Arizona. However, no charges were filed and the five North Americans were released on their own recognizance. The names of the five have not been released yet, and the refugees are still in detention.

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