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HEADLINE: PERUVIAN ARMS DEALER HEADS HOME FOR TRIAL

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BODY:

MIAMI Victor Alberto Venero Garrido, a close associate of former Peruvian intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos who was arrested in Miami by the FBI on a Peruvian warrant, was scheduled to fly home to Lima Friday night, said **Walter Reynoso**, one of his **attorneys**.

Venero, an arms dealer accused of pilfering more than \$100 million from a government pension fund, will be treated for colon cancer in a Lima clinic while he awaits a court date there.

Peruvian prosecutors hope that Venero will help the government in its investigation of Montesinos, who is accused of selling arms to Colombian guerrillas, drug smuggling and money laundering. But Reynoso said no deal has been struck. Montesinos' own corruption scandal, in which he's videotaped offering a bribe to a congressman, helped topple the government of former President Alberto Fujimori.

HIALEAH Fire injures man; another destroys business Two separate fires Friday night - less than two hours and a couple of miles apart - left one man injured and destroyed a welding retail store.

Arsenio Rodriguez, an owner of D&M Repair at 1630 W. 31st Pl., suffered second-degree burns to his face, neck and chest while working on a client's carburetor before 6 p.m. He was taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital where he was in serious condition.

Just two hours earlier, firefighters were called to Air & Welding Supply, 485 W. 27th St. No one was injured in that fire, but the building was declared a total loss.

BROWARD COUNTY Convicted killer, 14, loses 3 court motions Lionel Tate, the 14-year-old convicted of first-degree murder in January for the body-slammng death of a 6-year-old playmate in 1999, lost legal ground in his bid for leniency in Broward Circuit Court on Friday.

His **attorneys** lost three successive motions: one to get the boy out of jail while he waits to be sentenced, one to force prosecutor Ken Padowitz to give a statement outlining pretrial discussions with Lionel's trial **lawyer** and one to stop the proceedings to have Lionel evaluated for competence.

Broward Judge Joel Lazarus will hear more arguments next week before sentencing Lionel on March 9.

ETC. Marlins add **attorney** to stadium deal lineup Miami: The Florida Marlins have a new cleanup hitter in the team's efforts to build a \$385 million ballpark in downtown Miami - high-octane **attorney** Hank Adorno. A game plan has not been worked out. The city of Miami, at the request of the city's commissioners, has hired an independent consultant to review competing site proposals for the stadium - at Bicentennial Park, the Miami Arena and the Miami River. The consultants will make a recommendation to Miami City Manager Carlos Gimenez before the City Commission votes to select a site March 15.

Biscayne Bay: A sunken sailboat rested partially on its side in the waters between the Venetian and MacArthur causeways Friday. As the Coast Guard and Florida Marine Patrol issued a navigational warning, they tried to find out who owned the crewless vessel.

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