

## Who are the Miami Five ?



They are five Cuban men who are in U.S. prisons for simply defending their country of Cuba from terrorist acts by extremist right-wing groups in Miami. They were sentenced from 15 years to two life sentences.

**They never harmed anyone**, yet they are in prison while the anti-Cuba extremists whom they tried to stop, are walking freely in Miami. How did the five Cubans try to stop them? By monitoring the terrorists' actions and informing Cuba of impending attacks by those extremist groups.

The five Cubans are Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, René González, and Fernando González. They were convicted in U.S. federal court on June 8, 2001 in a politically-charged trial: the U.S. government claimed they were engaged in espionage on U.S. military bases and threatened "national security." The espionage charge — and related charges — are a complete fabrication. In 14,000 pages of transcript, no espionage evidence was ever introduced.

The five Cubans were strictly involved in monitoring the actions of terrorist right-wing groups in Miami. These groups — such as Omega 7, Alpha 66, Brothers to the Rescue, Brigada 2506, and Comandos F4 — have caused the deaths and injury of hundreds of people in Cuba and other countries. Some of their leaders were directly implicated in conspiring to try to prevent Elián González from returning home to his father in Cuba.

For more than 40 years, anti-Cuban right-wing groups in Miami have engaged in countless terrorist activities against Cuba, against Cuban-Americans and anyone who calls for a normalization of relations between Cuba and the U.S. Those organizations were established with the financing, training and backing of the C.I.A., in the early 1960s. Their sole aim was to sow terror and violence against the people of Cuba, after they had successfully ousted hated dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959 and began to build a new society.

For example, notorious anti-Cuba terrorists Orlando Bosch and Luís Posada Carriles conspired in the planting of two bombs on a Cubana Airlines plane on October 6, 1976. In the horrific explosion that occurred mid-flight from Barbados to Cuba, 73 innocent people died.

Orlando Bosch and Luís Posada Carriles are longtime CIA agents trained in assassination and sabotage. After a few years in prison, Bosch was allowed to re-enter the U.S. in the 1980s. When the Justice Department moved to deport him in 1989 for a series of violent actions, then-president George Bush pardoned him. Today, Bosch lives in Miami freely, although he is responsible for the deaths of over 80 people.

Because of the repeated failure — and indeed refusal — of the U.S. government to act against known criminals whose sole aim is to cause death and destruction on the Cuban people, Cuba found it necessary for its self-defense to send in these five brothers to prevent future attacks by monitoring the groups' actions.

Gerardo, René, Antonio, Fernando, and Ramón are innocent and should be free. Their actions required a great deal of sacrifice and personal risk to infiltrate such organizations. They are heroes, not criminals!

Support the call for their freedom!

Please find out more about their case, and support the international campaign for their freedom. There are ways you can help: 1.) Sign and help circulate the petition, download it from [www.actionsf.org](http://www.actionsf.org) 2.) Call or fax George W. Bush to free them: ph. 202-456-1414, fx. 202-456-2461; 3.) Help publicize their case in your city, organization or school. We have videos, speakers and literature available; 4.) Learn more about their case: <http://cubaofia.vze.com> 5.) Join CSC, and the campaign for their release.

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