

# Don't close the Matamoros file!

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## **Cauldron of Blood: The Matamoros Cult Killings**

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Like the Jonestown mass suicides in which more than 900 members of the People's Temple died in Guyana in November 1978, at the command of "Reverend" Jim Jones—an artificially created cult leader produced by the controllers of the drug culture project MK-Ultra—the horror of the Matamoros murders of the Texas-Mexico border drug world will never diminish with the passing of time.

*Cauldron of Blood* is one of the most frightening books available today. Not only because of the graphic details of the 13 Satanic mutilation/murders carried out by the Matamoros cult, but also because some of the most crucial leads in the case have been covered up.

The most serious aspect of the coverup is the now infamous statement of Kenneth Lanning, a special agent of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and head of the FBI's "Sex Crimes" unit, who stated in the aftermath of the Matamoros revelations, "More children have died and have been abused in the name of God and Jesus than in the name of Satan." According to numerous law enforcement authorities interviewed by *EIR*, the majority of Satanic crimes investigated and prosecuted by police involve sexual abuse. If the nation's leading law enforcement "expert" in this domain, Lanning, dismisses Satanism so glibly, there will be no serious investigation.

Author Jim Schutze raises more questions than he answers in *Cauldron of Blood*, but those questions merit a full investigation by the U.S. Congress to end the coverup of Satanic terrorism.

On April 11, 1989, newspapers throughout Texas, and then throughout the United States, exploded with headlines, such as "Cannibalism Found at Site of Satanic Murders." Mexican police officials invaded the desolate Rancho Santa Elena near the town of Matamoros, when a low-level soldier

of the Constanzo/Hernández drug gang headquartered there, attempted to escape their roadblock. At the ranch, police found a blood-drenched, stinking shack outfitted with an altar designed to accommodate a human body, and idols and artifacts linked to voodoo-like Palo Mayombe rituals, a blood relative of the primitive Caribbean religion, Santería. The police also found a witches' cauldron, a sacred tool of Adolfo de Jesús Constanzo, the high priest of Palo Mayombe, filled with blood, with turtle parts, with a severed goat's head . . . and human brains.

Within the day, police unearthed 13 mutilated corpses, whose hearts, brains, and spinal cords had been torn out while the victims were still alive, whose testicles and penises had been severed, whose legs had been sawed off just below the knee; and the world knew that Mark Kilroy, a 20-year-old university student from Texas, was one of the victims. Kilroy had vanished while on a semester-break vacation with a group of his friends, in front of a seedy tavern in Matamoros, Mexico. For weeks, his family, including his uncle, U.S. Customs Service Special Agent Ken Kilroy, based in Los Angeles, had carried out an unrelenting campaign to find the youth.

The disappearance of Mark Kilroy and the gruesome finding of his remains at Rancho Santa Elena, corroborated the pattern investigated by *EIR*, that many of America's missing children (estimated at 200,000 a year) may be the victims of Satanism. For a short time after Matamoros, Satanic terrorism, and its integration with the international drug trade, became an undeniable reality.

## **Drugs and human sacrifice**

Jim Schutze reopens the books on Matamoros, and on the extent of Satanism in the empires of the drug lords, who run the Western Hemisphere franchise for the estimated \$500-700 billion annual global drug trade. The book can be commended for its exposure of the hoax perpetrated by so-called cult experts, who claimed after Matamoros that this was not a "classical Satanic group," but just a superstitious gang of psychopaths. Schutze reports that in the 1950s, Cuban scholar Lydia Cabrera uncovered widespread existence of the human sacrifice rituals of voodoo, Palo Mayombe, Abakua, and Santería, which had been reported for decades to have been wiped out. Schutze locates the rituals of Adolfo Constanzo as the classic "Shango" (god of war, identified in these cults as St. Barbara of Christianity) ritual.

Schutze describes the Shango ritual from early-20th-century reports about Haiti. The witch doctor performs a service roughly translated as "The Goat Without Horns" ritual. A young boy and an even younger little girl are stripped and painted white, then carried in to an altar. The witch doctor "becomes Shango" in a frenzy and ritualistically asks the little boy what he wants, to which the boy answers, "a virgin." The children are slit open, and their hearts, still spurting blood, are torn out and brought to the lips of the Shango,

then passed to the congregation. This ritual is used to counteract spells and curses from one's enemies.

According to the confessions made to police by followers of Constanzo, the Shango ritual was Constanzo's specialty in Mexico City, in Miami, and at Rancho Santa Elena, where Constanzo had taken virtual control over the Hernández drug operations through his hold over Elio Hernández, the young leader of the gang, and the use of Sara Aldrete, Constanzo's "high priestess," to sexually entrap victims.

### Investigative leads

Author Jim Schutze is blindsided by an anti-Mexico political bias which keeps him from drawing out the full implications of the Matamoros investigation. Schutze repeats well-known slanders about Mexican corruption, superstition, and stupidity that have become the hallmark of the U.S. State Department's efforts to wage a war on the sovereignty of Mexico, instead of a war against the drug traffic. Were he not blinded by this pre-packaged bias associated with U.S. "Mexico specialists," Schutze might have been able to put the jigsaw pieces in place and would have at least *posed* the following questions:

- Was Kilroy really just a victim chosen at random, as the official statements of the agencies investigating Matamoros insisted? In the early press coverage of the Matamoros murders, Texas newspapers reported that nearly all of the victims found in the unmarked graves, were persons who had crossed the Hernández family in some way in drug deals, including one Mexican police official. (One exception was a young nephew of the Hernández brothers, whose death was described as an accident that occurred out in a "religious" frenzy.) The same reports emphasized that Mark Kilroy was in no way involved in anything that would intersect the drug interests of the gang.

Schutze stresses that Kilroy was the nephew of a high-level U.S. anti-narcotics agent. Why was the fact that Mark Kilroy's uncle, Customs Agent Ken Kilroy, was a drug investigator along the Texas-Mexico border, kept quiet? As recent events in Colombia's war on drugs indicate, and as Schutze details in descriptions of the revenge tactics of the Colombian drug lords, the families of the drug lords' enemies are the most frequent targets.

Revenge is identified as the justification for human sacrifice in *The Satanic Bible*, by Sandor Anton LaVey, self-described magus and head of the Church of Satan. LaVey writes in a chapter called "On the Choice of a Human Sacrifice": "The question arises, 'Who, then, would be considered a fit and proper human sacrifice, and how is one qualified to pass judgment on such a person?' The answer is brutally simple. Anyone who has unjustly wronged you—one who has 'gone out of his way' to hurt you."

- Did Constanzo, an American-born citizen, also carry his activities into Hollywood? As Adolfo Jesús Constanzo was the spiritual adviser and spell-binder for personnel in

Mexico's movie, television, and entertainment industry, LaVey enjoyed a similar role in Hollywood, including such well-known stars as Sammy Davis, Jr. and the late Jayne Mansfield.

- Is there a link between the Satanic killing of Mark Kilroy and the 1985 killing, in Mexico, of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena? A year before Adolfo Constanzo took over the Hernández drug family, Saúl Hernández, the founder of that gang, which had a full distribution branch for cocaine and marijuana in Houston, was killed in a double assassination in Matamoros. Murdered with Saúl was his partner, one Tomás Morlet, a former official of the Mexican DFS (Directorate of Federal Security), who had once been accused, but was later cleared of suspicion, in the Camarena murder. Morlet had a number of unusual jobs in the DFS, including assignments as Henry Kissinger's bodyguard whenever Kissinger was in Mexico. After being fired from the DFS, Morlet moved to Matamoros and became a key player in the Hernández family drug operations.

With the death of Saúl and Morlet, the control of the family's drug operations went to Elio Hernández, who became a devotee of the witch doctor Constanzo and his high priestess, Sara Aldrete, known in the cult as "La Bruja" (the witch).

- Is the Texas Southmost College a center for recruiting students to Satanism? Both "La Bruja" Sara Aldrete, and her onetime boyfriend, Serafín Hernández, Jr., the nephew of Elio Hernández and son of the Hernández drug distributor in Texas, were students there. Serafín Hernández, Jr. was studying law enforcement and Aldrete studied physical education, but both of them, now under arrest for the murder of Kilroy and the other Matamoros victims, studied with the same professor of anthropology, who, according to Schutze and news accounts, taught them classes in Santería, using video films about the rituals.

- Has corruption been covered up in Grimes County, Texas, near Houston, where Schutze alleges that Hernández family drug drops were made at an "instant" airstrip on land owned by the Sheriff Bill Foster?

- Why was evidence destroyed at the Rancho Santa Elena? According to Schutze, the search for bodies was suddenly called off without explanation after 13 were found. Why was the shack where the murders took place burned down in a "cleansing ritual" by another witch doctor to "purge" the evil spirits? According to Schutze, Texas and U.S. law enforcement agents were on the scene during the excavation of bodies at Rancho Santa Elena. Were the reports of what they saw funneled into the FBI's Lanning, who appears to have a commitment to closing down the Matamoros case?

Contrary to Schutze's claims, criminal trials are public in Mexico. So, at some point in the very near future, such a trial may take place, and much more may come to light about the Matamoros narco-Satanist cult. In the meantime, the file cannot be permitted to be closed on this hideous episode.