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## More to join Artis

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The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office said yesterday that more arrests and charges are expected in the smashing of a county cocaine ring that allegedly included John Artis, whose triple-murder conviction was overturned last year with those of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter in a case that drew national attention.

The ring, which included at least 11 other people, would travel to upper Manhattan to buy cocaine and "crack," said Chief Assistant Prosecutor Donald Campolo, head of the office's Narcotics Unit. The group would then sell to various Passaic County dealers and users, said Campolo.

"This was a retail, rather than a wholesale, operation," Campolo said. "They did not carry a large inventory, and turned over what they had very quickly."

The ring, in operation in northern Passaic County since "at least" December 1985, sold a couple of ounces of cocaine per week, grossing an average of between \$3,000 and \$5,000, Campolo said. The arrests culminated a six- to eight-week investigation initiated by Wanaque police that included wiretaps.

Artis, 40, of Redwood Avenue, Paterson, was arrested at 6 p.m. Friday while driving on Hamburg

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Turnpike, Wayne. Police found a small amount of cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia in the 1985 Ford Thunderbird, as well as a stolen .45-caliber handgun and more paraphernalia in his apartment. His wife, Dorothy, was also arrested in the raid.

The gun was reported stolen from Norfolk, Va.

County investigators and police from Paterson, Bloomingdale, Wa-naque, and Hawthorne then conducted simultaneous raids in the last two municipalities.

At Ringwood Avenue in Wa-

naque, police arrested the reputed leader of the ring, Rosemarie Linda Hendricks, 39. Authorities confiscated about 1/8-ounce of cocaine, narcotics-cutting and -packing equipment, Valium, a small amount of marijuana, and drug-transaction records in the apartment.

At a separate Ringwood Avenue residence, police arrested Cathy Osborne, 22.

The second key figure in the ring, Christine McCaghey, 43, was arrested on Lakeside Avenue along with Charles Quintana, 20, and Christopher Caserta, 18.

Another borough resident, Michael Mully, 27, was arrested in a Brook Street home.

Police also nabbed Michael Tremonti, 35, at a Lafayette Avenue home in Hawthorne.

Patersonians Maureen and Alphonso Payne, 31 and 30, respectively, were arrested at 729 E. 22nd St. Bloomingdale resident Rick McGrady was arrested at Orchard Street.

Artis was charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, which carries a maximum 12-year sentence, and receiving stolen property, which warrants a five-year

term.

His wife was charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia, possession of a gun without a permit, and possession of Valium.

Hendricks, McCaghey, Caserta, Quintana, Mully, and Tremonti were all charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine. McGrady and the two Paynes were charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine, and Osborne with conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

Mrs. Artis was released on \$5,000 bail. The others are being held in Passaic County Jail pending arraignment today.