

closed for the second time this year and prisoners transferred to other facilities because the county sheriff said he cannot adequately supervise the unit.

Sheriff Ronnie Sitton said Tuesday he had written to the state to report county officials hadn't acted on his request for more workers.

The commission warned the county it would close the jail if the sheriff notified the agency he could not properly supervise the prisoners, now numbering 18.

The jail was shut down last April for several days and prisoners transferred to other facilities after Sitton said the commissioners court overtime ban used up his supply of jailers for that pay period.

Kidnapping probed

HOUSTON — A 74-year-old retired insurance executive who was briefly abducted from a Houston parking lot was back at home Tuesday, and police were questioning a suspect arrested shortly after the ransom was delivered.

Henry A. Sauer was released unharmed Monday at a Safeway store in Houston where he had been abducted about seven hours earlier.

He was forced at gunpoint into his Cadillac as he was about to walk inside the store, officials said.

An hour later police said they received a call Sauer's son who said he had received a ransom demand.

The abductor then made five or six more calls, asking for a ransom of between \$100,000 and \$200,000, FBI and Houston police said. After the ransom was delivered, Sauer was released.

A 43-year-old suspect was arrested near the parking lot where Sauer had been abducted. All the ransom was recovered, police said.
From wire reports

All but eight of the defendants have been arrested or located in state prison since the 30-count indictment was returned Aug. 27. Three have pleaded guilty, but most are awaiting a Nov. 3 trial date before U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer.

According to the indictment, which was unsealed Friday, those charged allegedly were involved in a conspiracy from January through August that sold amphetamines and methamphetamines in North Texas. One alleged speed lab, in Kaufman County, was closed as a result of the investigation, a Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman said.

"It was a well-organized, speed-distribution organization," said Phil Jordan, special agent in charge of the DEA's Dallas office.

in the case are Juanicia Riggins of 544 Santa Fe in Farmersville and David Allen Folmar. They were charged with using a telephone to further criminal activity. A man identified as Allen Dale Baty pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute amphetamines.

Sentencing in the three cases has been postponed until after the remainder of the case has been completed.

Undercover agents from Dallas, Mesquite, Garland and Lancaster police departments participated in the eight-month probe, a DEA spokesman said.

The indictment remained sealed for more than six weeks so that authorities could arrest as many suspects as possible before the names of all those indicted would be released, Jordan said.

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