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Bush Sends U.S. Troops

traught mother discovered her children had missed breakfast at school, officials said.

Marlene Hames, 27, of 5517 S Monte was jailed on misdemeanor complaints of assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery, and resisting arrest, said Capt. Bob Jones, Oklahoma City police spokesman.

Arthur Elementary principal Sue Clark was taken by ambulance to South Community Hospital where she was treated for cuts around the eye and nose, then released, said John Buttee, elementary schools director. She had been struck with a hard plastic box, Buttee said.

The police officer was scratched on the arm, said Bill City, an Oklahoma City police officer in charge of the campus resources division. City said he couldn't say how

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Rolex Look-Alikes Seized

Raid Calls Timeout on Nation's Largest Cache of Fakes

By Wayne Singletary
Staff Writer

The largest cache of counterfeit watches ever found in the United States was seized Wednesday from a south Oklahoma City wholesale jeweler by customs and FBI agents, officials said Thursday.

The agents discovered 534 Rolex and Gucci look-alike watches. They also found designer-label purses and other luxury, fashion jewelry at Watch and Jewelry, 2917 S Interstate 35.

The firm is a wholesale distributor operated by General Imports, said Ron Hall, Oklahoma's chief customs agent.

Agents, acting on a tip from the custom bureau's Chicago office, obtained a



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Customs agent Ron Hall displays some of the 500 fake Rolex and Gucci watches seized.

search warrant for the business, he said.

If the counterfeit merchandise were real, it would be worth about \$5 million, Hall said.

Most of the watches were made in Hong Kong

Since 1985, Watch and Jewelry shipped the timepieces in quantities of 50 or more to flea markets and jewelers across the country, officials said.

"Most of this supply was going out of Oklahoma," Hall said.

The firm conducted its mail-order business only with retailers or other wholesalers.

No arrests have been made, and no charges have been filed against any of the company's owners or operators. Hall said he expects the information will soon be presented to a federal grand jury.

He said only the importers and suppliers face possible prosecution.

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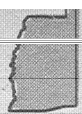
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Mikhail Gorbachev proposes cutting stockpiles of battlefield nuclear weapons. — Page 4

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E/R Lord, when you speak to us through our hearts, we can be filled with your word and see the wonders of your world in us. We offer our thanks, Amen.