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1. MEDELLIN CARTEL KINGPIN JORGE OCHOA VASQUEZ  
SURRENDERED TO GOC AUTHORITIES ON JANUARY 15.

2. A COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY INSTRUCCION CRIMINAL (THE  
GOC'S QUASI-INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF CRIMINAL  
INVESTIGATION) WAS BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS:

(1) FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS LAWYERS FOR JORGE LUIS  
OCHOA HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE REGARDING  
DECREES 2047 AND 3030 (NOTE: THESE ARE THE PLEA-BARGAIN  
DECREES WHICH OFFER NARCOS WHO SURRENDER AND CONFESS TO  
AT LEAST ONE NARCOTICS OR TERRORIST CRIME A REDUCED  
SENTENCE AND A NO-EXTRADITION GUARANTEE. END NOTE).

(2) JORGE LUIS OCHOA SURRENDERED TO THE AUTHORITIES  
JANUARY 15 IN THE MAIN PLAZA OF CALDAS, ANTIOQUIA  
DEPARTMENT. THE SURRENDER WAS OBSERVED BY SEVERAL OCHOA  
FAMILY MEMBERS.

(3) JORGE ORLANDO MEJIA (DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCCION  
CRIMINAL) IS IN MEDELLIN TO HANDLE THE SURRENDER DETAILS.

(4) JORGE LUIS OCHOA HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY INDEPENDENT  
OBSERVERS TO BE IN GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH.

(5) INSTRUCCION CRIMINAL WILL HANDLE THE OCHOA CASE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND DECREES.

3. JORGE LUIS OCHOA VASQUEZ, 41, IS SECOND ONLY TO

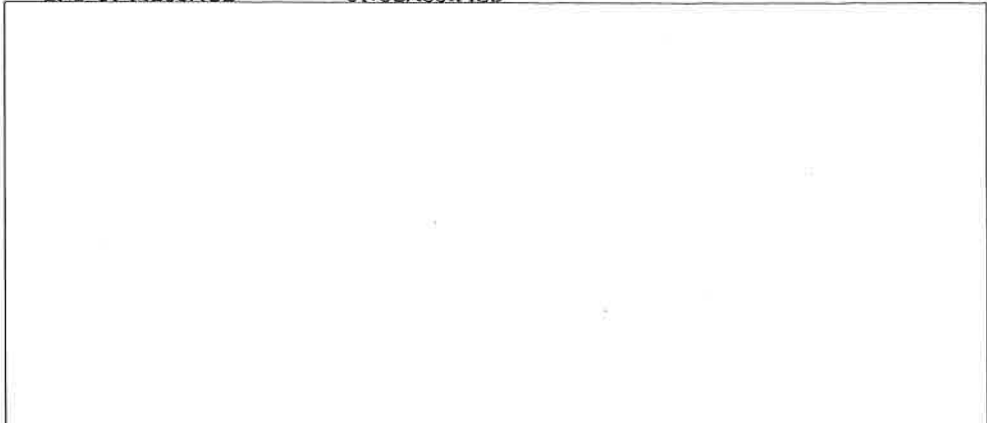
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PABLO ESCOBAR IN THE MEDELLIN CARTEL HIERARCHY. HIS  
YOUNGER BROTHER FABIO SURRENDERED TO THE AUTHORITIES ON  
DECEMBER 18, 1990 AND IS CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ITAGUI  
PRISON, ANTIOQUIA. MCNAMARA

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