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Still at large in connection with the smuggling case are Robert Shea, 40, Dean Greenberg, 28, Gary Roberts, 29.

The 11 men were named in federal indictments handed down after a two-year investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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