

AROUND THE NATION; 9 Convicted in Atlanta On Cocaine Smuggling

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Harold Rosenthal, a former bail bondsman, was found guilty today of directing a drug trafficking ring that Federal agents said brought more than five tons of cocaine into the country from September 1981 to January 1984.

A Federal jury found Mr. Rosenthal and eight others guilty of drug charges after three days of deliberations that climaxed a 10-week trial.

A 10th defendant was found not guilty. Sentencing was set for the week of Nov. 26.

Defense attorneys said Mr. Rosenthal was conducting the smuggling with a special dispensation from the Government because he was spying on Marxist groups in Colombia for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The prosecutor, Craig Gillen, said in his closing argument that Mr. Rosenthal and his co-conspirators were motivated by greed.

Mr. Rosenthal was arrested in Bogota, Colombia, a year ago. He had escaped in 1981 from a Federal prison in Memphis where he was serving 31 years for drug smuggling.

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