

Buffalo Hearing Put Off for 5 Suspected of Helping I. R. A.

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A hearing on charges of trying to enter the United States illegally was delayed today for five men suspected of intending to purchase arms for the Irish Republican Army.

After the five were arrested at the Canadian border last weekend, Benedict J. Ferro, who is in charge of the Buffalo office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said there was "substantial evidence" that the men were acting as agents of the I.R.A.

William Truesdale, deputy director of the Buffalo immigration office, said one of the defendants, previously identified as Michael Weir, 35 years old, of Belfast in Northern Ireland, actually is Desmond Ellis, 29, of Dublin.

The other four defendants were identified as Edward Howell, 34, of Belfast; and William O'Neill, 29; James Kelly, 41, and William Gilroy, 36, all of St. Catharines, Ontario, and formerly of Belfast.

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