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An illegal immigrant from Mexico who is accused in the deaths of 23 nursing home residents in a **bus fire** while they fled Hurricane Rita was **granted bond** and should be freed by Monday, his lawyer said. The defendant, Juan Robles Gutierrez, 37, who was driving the **bus**, has been detained in Houston for two weeks as a material witness to a federal investigation. Prosecutors have deposed Mr. Robles, above, said his lawyer, George Shaffer, who was hired by the Mexican government. Magistrate Judge Calvin Botley **granted** \$50,000 **bond**, but Mr. Robles, who faces charges for being in the country illegally, cannot leave federal custody until immigration officials also **grant bond**.

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