

Woman confesses to giving false information to agents

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A woman described as a government witness told a federal magistrate Monday that she had "made up" much of the information used to implicate an accused Bangor cocaine dealer.

Meanwhile, the alleged dealer is awaiting the magistrate's decision to find out whether a Sept. 14 assault on the government witness will result in the revocation of his bail.

The testimony was elicited Monday during the continuation of a detention hearing for Michael Andrew Nelson, 38, of Bangor. Nelson was indicted Oct. 3 by a federal grand

jury in Bangor on three counts of knowingly and intentionally distributing and aiding and abetting in the distribution of cocaine.

U.S. Attorney Richard S. Cohen said that the investigative efforts of the Tri-County Cocaine Task Force (operating in Penobscot, Piscataquis and Hancock counties) resulted in Nelson's arrest.

Although he was indicted this month, Nelson was arrested in early September on the cocaine charges and has been on bail since that time. Assistant U.S. Attorney James McCarthy moved to revoke Nelson's bail Friday after learning that Nelson had pleaded guilty on Oct. 16 to a Sept. 14 assault on

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