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## IRS Raids Home in Ponte Vedra

This is about a recent raid by the IRS on a home in Florida. The IRS sent agents to conduct a raid on a house in Ponte Vedra Beach at dawn today, November 17. Subsequently, the IRS met with a man who arrived at the home later and was identified as the owner of the house. By noon, at least eight IRS agents were still at the home but little was confiscated into their cars which were parked at the Old Ponte Vedra Drive cul de sac in front of the house.

When questioned, US Treasury special agent Michelle Lee only said the IRS Criminal Investigations department was at the house on official business and that the division investigates tax-related or financial crimes. She also said the agents left the home and the owner at about 4 p.m. but did not serve any warrant of arrest during their operation. Lee also refused to comment on whether any seizures were made.

Sergeant Chuck Mulligan of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office said his deputies received a tip off informing them that the home might contain drugs. Sergeant Mulligan confirmed that his officers were still at the house late morning. According to property records, the owner of the home is Fred Bedran. Fred and JR Bedran are co-owners of the gentlemen's club, SOS in Jacksonville according to other records.

Neighbors' said they know the owner of the house as 'JR' and that he had been living there for at least 3 years or so but no one knew what exactly he did for a living. Someone who knows JR Bedran identified him from a photo of a man who arrived at the house around 10 a.m. today.

According to one neighbor, Rob Hamby, there were always expensive cars parked in the driveway of the single storey house at the end of the Ponte Vedra Drive cul de sac on the west side of A1A. Neighbors have seen an expensive Italian sports car and a limousine at the house before. During the raid, a black limousine was seen parked to one side of the driveway of the house.