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On March 27, a spokesperson from the Attorney General's office told reporters that community activist Hector Avila had been placed under house arrest for his role in organizing street demonstrations in the El Chorrillo neighborhood. [See CAU 04/03/92 for coverage of protest actions which led to Avila's arrest.] The spokespersons said that, under terms of the sentence, Avila could live anywhere he chooses in Panama City, except in El Chorrillo, where his home is located. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 03/27/92)

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