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# Brazilian police arrest three more in world's biggest bank heist

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Brazilian authorities have arrested three more men suspected of taking part in the world's biggest cash heist, and a fourth allegedly has been kidnapped, officials said Thursday.

Pedro Jose da Cruz, Anselmo Oliveira Magalhaes and Leonel Moreira Martins were arrested in early November in Sao Paulo, federal police spokeswoman Erotildes Bezerra said.

Authorities are tracking at

least six more suspects, including one of the alleged leaders of the gang that tunneled under a city street in August and stole more than \$70 million US from a branch of Brazil's Central Bank in Fortaleza, 2,400 kilometres northeast of Sao Paulo.

So far, about \$8 million has been recovered.

Meanwhile, police in Fortaleza are searching for Jose Elizomarte Fernandes Vieira, a car dealer suspected of laundering money for the robbers. Vieira was kidnapped Tuesday, inves-

tigator Luis Carlos Dantas said.

It would be the third kidnapping related to the heist.

In late November, the wife of a bank security guard suspected of providing information to the robbers was kidnapped. She was released three days later after her abductors found her husband's share of the money.

In October, Luis Fernando Ribeiro, an alleged mastermind of the robbery, also was kidnapped. He was found dead two days later after his family reportedly paid \$890,000 in ransom.