

Armand Assante speaks to the **National Ledger**
in connection with his role as a **weapondealer** in **Navy NCIS**

This interview was given around the first appearance as a guest star
in that TV series in the beginning of **Febr. 2007**

Armand says: (quote):

"I've never played an international arms dealer, but I've read a lot on the subject matter because I was working on my own documentary for a long time on the global landmine crisis. I've done a lot of homework in terms of weapons manufacturer[s], where they're located, and how they work,"

"I won't even entertain the idea of trying to get close to someone in that world because too many doors close. It's a very profitable business, so very few people want to discuss that. It's a secret world and kept that way."

"I was in Croatia, Angola, and set to go to Cambodia and Vietnam, but I lost so much money in Africa that I couldn't afford to keep going," he says. "I was actually kind of blackmailed in Africa. Because I would need protection to go into certain areas, they blackmailed me for money to get into those areas. When you lose that much money in one week, you think, 'Pull it in. That's it. Back to acting.'"

These are the reasons why Armand Assante never got to finish his project about the matter.