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Judge Is Acquitted In Sex-Film Case NEW ORLEANS Jan 26

NEW ORLEANS Jan. 26 The judge who presided at the Clay Shaw conspiracy trial was acquitted tonight of charges he provided sex movies and women for a stag party.

"I'm very happy," said Judge Edward A. Haggerty Sr., 56. "That's all I'm going to say tonight."

The verdict was given by Haggerty's colleague on the Criminal District Court here, Judge Matthew S. Braniff, and drew a burst of cheers and applause from spectators in the courtroom.

Haggerty was charged with soliciting for prostitution, obscenity and resisting arrest. Braniff heard the case without a jury.

· Braniff ruled that the stag party, which the state said was open to those who paid a \$5 admission charge, actually was a private party and that the police had no right to raid it.

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