

## Payoff Charge Framed, Says Ousted Agent

CHICAGO (AP) — A suspended Secret Service agent said Wednesday he was framed by the government in a payoff case because he was going to tell of heavy drinking among agents guarding President John F. Kennedy.

Abraham Bolden, 29, the first Negro to serve on the White House Secret Service detail, was accused Tuesday of soliciting a \$50,000 payoff from defendants in an alleged crime syndicate counterfeiting plot. Officials said Bolden's arrest was the first taint of its kind in the Secret Service.

A government prosecutor termed Bolden's statements "fantastic."

In denying the government charges Bolden said the government knew he was planning to testify before the Warren Commission about what he said was the "over-all general laxity" of agents assigned to protect President Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy was fatally shot Nov. 22 in Dallas.