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3 More Arrests Are Made In Motel 'Stag Show' Case

Police have made three additional arrests in connection with an alleged obscene "stag show" in a motel at which Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. was arrested Wednesday night.

Two of the three men arrested yesterday afternoon are employed by the DeVille Motel, 3900 Tulane Ave.

Henry J. Smith, 60, 2341 N. Galvez, a bartender at the motel, was booked with allowing gambling on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet.

JOSEPH ZARZA, 26, the motel manager, was booked with allowing gambling on the premises, with obscenity for allegedly operating a "stag show," and with letting the premises for obscenity.

The third was Glenn J. Otis, 35, 3425 Edenborn, booked with reviling police. Otis was in the DeVille bar at the time the latest arrests were made, about 4:15 p.m. yesterday.

Judge Haggerty said yesterday he is "not guilty of any of the charges" lodged against him by the New Orleans Police Department.

His statement was made through his attorney, Robert Zibilich, on police charges that Judge Haggerty assaulted four

police officers during the arrest, conspired to commit obscenity and solicited for prostitution.

JUDGE HAGGERTY reportedly became violent during the raid on what police said was a show of stag films with "live entertainment." Police said an admission charge of \$5 was collected and an additional \$5 for witnessing live entertainment.

The judge's attorney called the show "a before-the-wedding bachelor party" for one of the 14 persons arrested at the party and said the \$5 collection was to pay for the liquor and the motel rooms.

Sgt. Robert N. Frey, the vice squad commander who staged the raid, disputed the claim that the gathering simply was a bachelor party.

"MY ANSWER to that," Frey said, "is that they charged an admission fee. This wouldn't be done at a bachelor party. Also, an extra \$5 was requested for live entertainment. Also, after

the entertainment prostitution would take place for an additional fee, Frey said.

Meantime, Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso said he was not aware that Judge Haggerty was to be at the motel before the raid was launched. Giarrusso said Sgt. Frey told him "there might be some officials there" and he said he told the vice commander to take action no matter what officials were there.

Sgt. Frey said the entire matter would be submitted to the district attorney's office some time today or Monday.

HE SAID THE DA's office would review his reports to determine whether the proposed criminal charges are warranted. The DA has power to file such charges or may submit the matter to a grand jury for action.

Senior Judge Bernard J. Bagert of the Criminal District Court said that the Louisiana Supreme Court would be the final authority on any disciplinary action against Judge Haggerty.

The first step to any such action, he said, would have to be taken by the Judicial Administration Commission, a new body established by an amendment to the state Constitution.

AARON M. KOHN, the managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, said yesterday Judge Haggerty should resign his post in light of his arrest.

"I would hope that if he did not resign, our state attorney general, state Supreme Court and organized bar would put into effect the machinery which would rid ourselves of those who are destroying our faith in the judiciary," Kohn said.

Kohn was speaking to a luncheon meeting of the New Orleans Federal Executive Association.

ARRESTED WITH Judge

Haggerty in the motel raid were Victor M. Soto Jr., 926 E. William David Parkway; the judge's minute clerk, Michael Stueben, 27, 202 S. Hennessey; an attorney, Malcolm Mundy Jr., 37, 6344 Dorothea; Albert Miller, 27, 7915 Cohn; Alceste Ory, 30, 1125 Phosphor, Metairie; Michael Carso, 50, 4422 Senator Toby Jefferson Parish; Max Williams, 36, 1931 Farmington Place; Samuel Blanchard, 39, 519 Beach Blvd., Waveland, Miss.; Kenneth Reeves, 29, 3009 20th St., Apt. B; George Costello, 39, 2916 Haring Road, and Janelle Vincent, 21, Wanda Norman, 39, and Jean Clemens Shipp, 32, all of 8110 Breakwater Drive.

Mundy issued a statement this afternoon denying that prostitution was involved in the party.

The three women, he said, arrived about an hour after the party began. "It has never been made clear to me who invited them," said Mundy.

"THEY MINGLED with all present," he added, "and at no time did I hear talk of live entertainment or prostitution. And at no time did I see any one of them so much as untie her shoelaces."

Mundy also contended that

there "really is a prospective bridegroom. I would mention his name, but he is a professional man and his reputation has been tarnished enough and his bride-to-be embarrassed enough already."

"Someone," according to Mundy, made arrangements for films to be shown. "We all know they would not be movies recommended for children," he said. "But, then, no children were invited."



JUDGE ARRESTED IN TRIAL—New Orleans Criminal Judge Edward A. Haggerty, who presided over Clay Shaw's trial, covers face after arrest by vice squad officers who raided a motel stag party. Three unidentified women are among others arrested.

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