

SEVENTH SOUGHT IN TORTURE CASE

Members of Motorcycle Gang Held

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—

The sheriff's office said Friday a seventh man was being sought in connection with a motorcycle gang's alleged torture "initiation" of a Baton Rouge man.

Two members of the "Pagans" were arrested Thursday, four others were picked up Wednesday night. They were booked on charges of aggravated battery of Charles Cambre, 24, and jailed. Bond was set at \$10,000 each.

Officers said their investigation indicated that Cambre was hospitalized in Baton Rouge for treatment of second degree burns on his back, bruises and other injuries received Wednesday.

Officers said that Cambre was held under water in a bathtub until he almost drowned, beaten with a motorcycle chain, doused with cigarette lighter fluid which was ignited, and salt was rubbed into his wounds.

While Cambre was still in the bathtub, police said a motorcycle and several pieces of furniture were heaped atop him.

Officers said an attempt was made to punch out one of his eyes with a broomstick.

Deputies said Cambre was told that the bloody clothing he was wearing was to be worn all the time and never washed.

One officer said despite the initiation, the gang never intended to make him a member and was "taking him for a ride."

The six arrested were identified as Lawrence K. McMullen, 23; Donald Kalt, 40; Johnny Garon, 18; Rufus Ashley, 22; Frank Shoeppe, 25, and Patricia Hickey, 18, all of Baton Rouge.

Deputies said Pagans gangs originated on the west coast but scattered and teamed up with Hell's Angels and other groups.