BUNDY IS GIVEN 3-DAY SENTENCE

Draws Term for Failing to Appear; Trial Set

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A prosecution witness in the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw was sentenced to three days in the House of Detention when he surrendered himself in municipal court in connection with a shoplifting charge Tuesday.

Narcotics addict Vernon W. Bundy Jr., however, drew the sentence not as a penalty for the charge itself, but for failing to appear Monday for arraignment in the courtroom of Judge Andrew G. Bucaro.

Bundy pleaded not guilty to the charge at his arraignment Tuesday, and Judge Bucaro set the trial for Friday.

Judge Bucaro cited Bundy for contempt and gave him the three-day sentence.

The judge said that Bundy's attorney, Rudolph F. Becker III, may appeal the contempt citation on the ground that Bundy did not sign his summons.

Judge Bucaro took the position that Bundy did not have to sign it for it to be effective.

Bundy was paroled at the request of Registrar of Conveyances Ernest Hessler Sr. after his arrest Saturday on charges he tried to steal two pairs of boys' pants in the D. H. Holmes store at 819 Canal.

Bundy told a criminal district court jury that he saw Shaw and Oswald meet on the lakefront in the summer of 1963. Shaw was acquitted on a charge of conspiring with Oswald and others to murder President John F. Kennedy.