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Bail for Watergate Figure Is Reduced in Threat Case

A State Supreme Court judge yesterday reduced to $10,000 the bail for Frank A. Sturgis, who is being held on charges that he threatened a woman to keep her from testifying before the House Committee on Assassinations.

Mr. Sturgis, who was one of five burglars convicted in the Watergate break-in, was arrested here late Monday on the complaint of Marita Lorenz, who told the police that Mr. Sturgis had threatened her by telephone.

Although committee officials refused to comment, Miss Lorenz reportedly linked Mr. Sturgis to Lee Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as the man who killed President Kennedy.

Investigators have discounted similar charges made previously about Mr. Sturgis.

The Manhattan District Attorney's office originally asked that Mr. Sturgis's bail be $100,000, but on Tuesday Judge Milton Samordin set it at $25,000.