

Los Angeles Police Department Named

'Cinque' Called Ex-Informer

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—A group of private investigators charged today that Donald DeFreeze—the “Field Marshal Cinque” of the Symbionese Liberation Army and self-professed revolutionary—was once an informer for the Los Angeles police department.

The group, which calls itself Citizens Research and Investigation Committee, detailed its allegations at a crowded press conference this morning in the office of Charles Gary, an attorney who often represents members of the Black Panther Party.

The chief spokesman for the group, Donald Freed, a white Los Angeles writer and long-time supporter of the Panthers, claims that DeFreeze was a “valued, protected informer” for the Los Angeles police during the late 1960s.

DeFreeze, 30, an escaped convict with a criminal record dating back to his mid-teens,

is being sought with other members of the SLA for the kidnaping of Patricia Hearst more than three months ago.

In support of its contention, the Citizens' Research and Investigation Committee made available notes of a May 2, 1974, telephone conversation that it said occurred between Lake Headley, a committee investigator and Sgt. R. G. Farwell, a Los Angeles police intelligence officer.

In that conversation, Farwell reportedly told Headley of DeFreeze: “The guy's in trouble . . . one thing that would really put him down the tube would be if anybody put out the word the guy was a big snitch.”

Later Headley referred to “heavy Christ stuff” DeFreeze was getting into in the late 1960s.

Farwell said: “That's why I cut him loose. He was getting into that and I knew he was dead as far as his psychological state was concerned. I just couldn't deal with him.”

Police sources in Los An-

geles denied the connection. “We have no record of Donald DeFreeze being an informant of this department at any time,” said police Commander Peter Hagen.

Court files and probation reports do show that DeFreeze, in November, 1967, led police to a cache of 200 stolen guns and implicated a colleague, apparently in return for a reduced charge and probation after he was arrested on a stolen goods charge.