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Reveal Two More Klansmen In Blue

By James Casey

Police Supt. James B. Conlisk Jr. Tuesday made public the withheld names of two policemen in a Ku Klux Klan scandal—and also disclosed a new ground for possible prosecution.

The latest to be accused by Conlisk as members of the racist secret society are Policemen William H. Plogger, 44, and Ernest R. Semet, 32, both of the Shakespeare District.

They and four previously identified patrolmen may be charged with violating the law enforcement officers' code of ethics, signed by all policemen, the superintendent said.

The code requires that they "respect the rights of all people."

"The KKK does not respect the rights of people," Conlisk said. "That is my opinion and, therefore, the opinion of the police department."

Plogger, Semet and James Heath, 35, admitted ringleader of the police Klan cell, are scheduled to face a hearing, probably this week, before the



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Police Disciplinary Board.

The other three — Richard Stanton and John Johansson, assigned to the Fillmore District with Heath, and Dennis Aloia of the Austin District — resigned last week.

The board has the power to recommend dismissal of charges, suspensions without pay for up to 30 days or trial by the five-man Civilian Police Board headed by Franklin Kreml.

Kreml's board has the authority to discharge policemen, with the defendants having the right to appeal to the courts.

Plogger, 2340 N. Lawndale, and Semet, 3338 N. Oriole, were excused from duty without pay pending further action. Heath has the same status.

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