

Escobedo^{Post} 11/2) LB Asks to Use Alias at Trial

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 (UPI)—The murder trial of Danny Escobedo led to a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1964. Now Escobedo may be tried under a pseudonym on a recent charge of attempted burglary.

Gerald M. Werksman, Escobedo's attorney, asked Criminal Court Judge James J. Mejda Thursday to pick "a name with no notoriety, with no special significance" which could be used during Escobedo's forthcoming trial.

In 1964 the Supreme Court reversed Escobedo's conviction of murdering his brother-in-law on grounds he was not informed of his right to remain silent and to obtain legal advice before giving a confession.

On the current attempted burglary charge, Escobedo was granted a mistrial after a juror admitted hearing a radio broadcast concerning Escobedo's murder conviction and its subsequent reversal.

"The jury should decide on the basis of what happened on the night of the burglary," Werksman said. "It doesn't matter if the man's name is Danny Escobedo or John Smith."

Judge Mejda said he would rule Nov. 8 on the request.