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## Informer Shifts to Guilty Pleas In Robbery and Burglary Here

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A 22-year-old police informer charged with armed robbery and burglary withdrew his not-guilty plea yesterday and said he was guilty in both cases and would accept whatever sentence he deserved.

The informer, Daniel Carranza, had previously rejected the possibility of bargaining for a light sentence, a deal he says he was offered, by pleading guilty to lesser charges than those to which he confessed yesterday.

Standing before Justice Jack Rosenberg in State Supreme Court here, Mr. Carranza explained why he had decided to change his plea.

"I'm charged with armed robbery and burglary," he said. "But those happened 20 months ago. But 20 months ago, I was a different person. But if I have them hanging over me, I'd like to plead guilty. I'd like to get this out of the way so I can start leading a proper life."

In an interview in The New York Times last Monday, Mr. Carranza conceded he was guilty in the armed robbery of a tenant in an Upper East Side apartment building and in the burglary of the East 34th Street plant of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York.

Mr. Carranza also told of his guilt in numerous other crimes that he said he had confessed to the District Attorney's office

16 months ago with the understanding that he would not be prosecuted for them.

Sitting in the front row of the otherwise empty jury box yesterday was District Attorney Richard H. Kuh, who conferred periodically with Assistant District Attorney Charles Solomon, the prosecutor in the Carranza case. Mr. Kuh did not address the court himself.

Justice Rosenberg questioned the defendant repeatedly to make sure he understood the implications of the double guilty plea.

"You understand that you can get up to 25 years?" the judge asked.

"Yes, sir I do," Mr. Carranza answered.

"If you're innocent, I want you to say so," the judge continued, "because I do not want innocent men to plead guilty. And if you plead guilty, I really will not allow a withdrawal [of that plea] if you are totally disappointed with the sentence I impose."

Mr. Carranza faces a maximum sentence of 25 years for the armed robbery and seven years for the burglary. Justice Rosenberg said he might have to serve two consecutive sentences.

Mr. Carranza was continued on parole pending sentencing Jan. 24. Justice Rosenberg ordered psychiatric examinations to be conducted in the interim.