

Police probe officer's payoffs

An investigation is under way, regarding testimony by Ptn. Lynn Loisel that he was the owner of pinball machines several years and knowingly

allowed illegal payoffs, a police spokesman said today.

Sgt. Frank Hayward, in response to a query, said an investigation was launched into the matter after Loisel made the statements during the recent pinball trial of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and two co-defendants.

Loisel, who is assigned to the DA's office as an investigator, was placed on the stand as a defense witness by Garrison.

During cross-examination by

the prosecution, Loisel admitted that during the late 1960s, he operated pinball machines in a Jefferson Parish bar and that illegal payoffs were made to players Loisel said on the stand that he saw nothing wrong with the practice although it was illegal.

Sgt. Hayward said that the investigation has not been concluded and that no decision has been made as to whether any action should be taken.

The police information officer said that no date has been set as to when the investigation will be concluded.