

Haggerty Attorneys Fail To Get Tipsters' Names

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The defense attorney for Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. lost a bid today to obtain the names of informers involved in the judge's arrest in a vice squad raid last month.

Criminal Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff overruled objections by attorney Robert Zibilich to the state's refusal to supply the informers' names and addresses.

Judge Braniff has set for 10 a.m. Monday the trial of Judge Haggerty on charges of obscenity, soliciting for prostitution and resisting arrest.

THE CHARGES resulted from a police vice squad raid Dec. 17 in which Judge Haggerty and 13 others were apprehended in a room at the De Ville Motel, 3800 Tulane Ave.

It was alleged that obscene films and a live "stag show" were the purpose of the gathering. Participants contend that the affair was a "bachelor party" for one of the men who was to be married soon.

At today's hearing Zibilich moved that evidence in the case be thrown out. Among his contentions were that illegal search and seizure were made, that no search or arrest warrants were issued, that there was no probable cause to believe that a crime was being committed at the time and that arresting officers did not properly identify

themselves or announce the purpose of their arrest.

On another motion by Zibilich, the court ordered that officials of television station WDSU-TV produce films which were taken during the raid to be exhibited at the trial Monday.

ZIBILICH further held that the arrest occurred outside a private room in the motel and that the search "and subsequent battery upon the defendant occurred within the private room in the motel."

He said such a private

room is not a "public establishment" under law.

The defense attorney said he will file motions tomorrow to quash the bills of particulars in the case against Judge Haggerty.

Judge Braniff told Zibilich and Asst. Dist. Atty. John Volz, the prosecuting attorney, that he will try the motions to suppress evidence and to quash at the trial on Monday.

VOLZ and Zibilich argued over the status of the informer reportedly present at the motel party.

Volz contended that such an undercover agent need not be a police officer under law.

Names of witnesses had not been filed as of this morning. Zibilich was expected to file names of defense witnesses with the court tomorrow.

Asked who had "tipped off" newsmen about the motel raid, the state answered that police information officer Sgt. William Nolan had done so, as he usually does on "important" police raids.

BULLETINS

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—A leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said today the organization will fight President Nixon's nomination of George Harrold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon announced today the Army will go ahead with its controversy-ridden main battle tank but will simplify it to cut costs. Deputy Secretary of Defense David R. Packard disclosed at the same time the United States is all but ending joint development with West Germany of the advanced tank designed to defeat the best Soviet armor in the 1970s.

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