

HAGGERTY TRIAL SET FOR JAN. 26

DA's Office Declines to Identify Informant

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The district attorney's office Friday declined to identify the informant who attended an alleged stag show at the DeVile Motel, 3800 Tulane ave., on Dec. 17, saying it planned to use the informant as a witness in the trial of Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., on charges resulting from a raid on the motel.

Criminal Judge Matthew S. Braniff set the trial for Jan. 26 after granting Judge Haggerty's motion for a speedy trial. The DA's office did not object.

Assistant DA John P. Volz said that the Louisiana Supreme Court has ruled that defendants are not entitled to the names of state witnesses before the trial.

The statements were contained in answers to requests for bills of particulars by Judge Haggerty, who is charged with soliciting for prostitutes, resisting police officers, and obscenity by exhibiting obscene movie films.

In response to other requests for specific information, the state charged that Judge Haggerty took nine reels of obscene film to the party, and that two were shown.

The state charged that Judge Haggerty solicited "all those persons present with him" at the DeVille.

In answer to specific questions set out by Robert J. Zibilich, Judge Haggerty's attorney, the state identified the women with whom the prostitution was allegedly planned to occur as Joan Lee Clemens, Janelle M. Vincent, and Wanda I. Norman.

The state also said that Judge Haggerty escorted and directed the women from the lounge of the Rowntowner Motor Inn, 3900 Tulane ave., to Rooms 149 and 150 of the DeVille.

A hearing on the motions and the sufficiency of the answers will be conducted Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Arguments were to be presented Friday, but were postponed because Zibilich was ill and could not be present.

The charges, all misdemeanors, were consolidated at Judge Haggerty's request, and will be heard at the same time.