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Hanrahan Threat

CHICAGO—Special Prosecutor Barnabas Sears told the judge in the conspiracy trial of State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan yesterday that Hanrahan and his brother, William, threatened him as he left the courtroom after a morning session.

Sears said that as he left the courtroom, William Hanrahan came up to him and made a remark. The prosecutor said he asked William what he meant by the remark and that Edward Hanrahan replied, "I'll take care of you when this case is over."

Sears said that the remark made to him by William Hanrahan was the ironic word "class." William Hanrahan, who works in an unofficial capacity in the state's attorney's office, is a frequent spectator at the trial.

Sears also said that on a number of occasions Edward Hanrahan "has called me 'fraud.'" Sears said he thought he should bring up the matter before the next trial session began and he took "marked exception to these remarks" by the defense.

Sears asked Circuit Court Judge Philip Romiti to instruct the defense to discontinue such remarks.