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## RULE KOHN CASE INVALID, PLEA

### 'No Threats Whatever,' Says Defense Attorney

A defense attorney Wednesday moved that the public intimidation of Aaron M. Kohn be held invalid because an Oct. 3 statement by Kohn contains "no threats whatever."

Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. gave Assistant District Attorney William R. Alford Jr. until Nov. 21 to file arguments against the latest motion to throw out the indictment, and set the same date for a hearing on the matter.

Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, was charged with public intimidation of City Councilman Eddie L. Sapir after making a statement before the City Council about a proposed charity bingo ordinance.

Kohn asked whether Sapir, in his deliberations on the proposal, was considering the interests of the public or the interests of rackets figure Carlos Marcello and members of his family. Kohn also said Sapir

had "continuous and close" contact with the Marcellos.

Alford Wednesday filed a document stating that Kohn committed intimidation by making threats, and that the exact language of the threats was contained in Kohn's statement, as quoted in the incident.

Kohn's attorney, Milton E. Brener, reasoned that since Kohn's statement contained no threats, intimidation had not been committed.

Force, threats, or violence are the key to proving the crime, Brener has stated previously.