

KOHN ATTORNEY ASKS FOR FACTS

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Wants to Know If Client
Accused of Force

An attorney for Aaron M. Kohn has asked a Criminal District Court judge to require the district attorney's office to reveal whether or not Kohn is accused of using force, violence or threats in an alleged public intimidation of City Councilman Eddie L. Sapir.

In an application for a bill of particulars filed with Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. Thursday, attorney Milton E. Brener also asked that the state specify the exact time, date, and place of the alleged offense.

Brener also wants to know the exact language constituting the alleged threat, if a threat is alleged.

In a motion to quash Kohn's public intimidation indictment, Brener previously claimed there was no allegation of force, violence or threats, a key element proving public intimidation.

Both sides were to argue the motion to quash Friday, but hearing will be held instead Wednesday.

The Orleans Parish grand jury indictment of Kohn merely charges that Kohn committed public intimidation of Sapir by making a statement on Oct. 3. The statement, made before the City Council, is cited in the indictment.

In it Kohn asked whether Sapir, in his deliberations on a proposed charity bingo ordinance, was considering the public interest, or the interest of persons who have benefited in the past from bingo games, namely, Kohn said, rackets figure Carlos Marcello and members of his family.

Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans, also said Sapir was in "rather continuous and close contact" with the Marcellos.

Kohn made the statement while requesting a public hearing by the Council on the Sapir matter. The council later refused to hold the hearing.