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Kohn Is Sued By Bondsman In Mafia Link

Bail bondsmann Nick Christiana today filed a \$75,000 defamation of character suit against director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, in connection with statements linking him with the Cosa Nostra in this area.

In the suit filed in the 24th Judicial Court in Gretna, Christiana contends that he was injured irreparably by Kohn's "malicious accusations." Christiana denied any connection with either the Mafia or the Cosa Nostra.

The suit, filed by attorney Arthur Dumaine charged that Kohn in a news interview June 25 over television station WVUE stated that Christiana was believed to be connected with the Cosa Nostra and that his history "ties him up with the Carlos Marcello organization."

Christiana said the statements are untrue and false and he asked that the suit be heard by a jury.

The Christiana suit asked \$50,000 damages because of embarrassment and mental anguish and \$25,000 in future and past business losses. The case was allotted to Judge Charles Gaudin, but no date for a hearing was set.

After filing the suit, Dumaine said that he is asking for a jury trial so that he may answer the Kohn statements.