

## Hearst witnesses From 9-5-75 offered immunity

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Micki McGee Scott and a friend were granted immunity from prosecution Thursday in a government effort to compel their testimony against Mrs. Scott's husband, Jack, the target of a federal investigation in the Patty Hearst case.

Despite urgent pleas by attorneys for Mrs. Scott and Martin Miller, U.S. District Court Judge R. Dixon Herman declined to allow further legal maneuvers and signed the petitions of immunity.

"As I understand the law, it's my duty to sign the petitions," he said, adding that the testimony was necessary for "the public interest."

Attorneys for Mrs. Scott claimed multiple legal complications are involved in her testimony --including her marital right not to testify against her husband.

The judge called both witnesses before the bench and told them that under the immunity grant, they "can't be prosecuted except for perjury, giving a false statement or for failing to abide by this order."

As Herman adjourned the session, Scott's brother Walter, who has attracted much attention in the case, applauded in the back of the courtroom but was silenced by a marshal.

The government, which earlier identified Jack Scott as the key target of the investigation, dismissed him as a further witness.

Mrs. Scott and Miller were then ordered to the grand jury chamber to testify. It was believed they would refuse, and attorneys said they anticipate further proceedings in the case --possibly a contempt of court charge.

Miller, a onetime college classmate of Scott's, apparently has only peripheral involvement in the case. The government has said previously that all it wants to know from him is if he loaned the Scotts a car last summer when it was believed Miss Hearst was in Pennsylvania.

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