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MCC Denies Suspect Put Under Watch

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The Metropolitan Crime Commission today denied charges by the district attorney's office that it attempted "to conduct a surveillance" of the lakefront residence of Eugene Nolan, one of 22 persons indicted by a New York grand jury on gambling charges.

The MCC's executive committee said the DA office's statement is an attempt "to delude our community by prepared deliberate falsehood."

Nolan, who resides at 1700 Lakeshore dr., was arrested Monday by investigators of the DA's office following his indictment by the Nassau County, N. Y., grand jury in what Nassau DA William Cahn termed a \$100 million-a-year bookmaking operation.

CAHN CALLED Nolan one of the "biggest bookmakers in the country."

At the time of the arrest, the DA's office charged that the investigation and arrest in New Orleans "were jeopardized by recent irresponsible statements and actions" by MCC managing director Aaron M. Kohn.

"The Metropolitan Crime

Commission in attempting to conduct a surveillance . . . tipped Nolan to the fact that his house was under surveillance when on Thursday of last week one of its investigators was physically seized by Nolan in the very act of keeping his house under surveillance with binoculars," the DA's office said.

SAID THE MCC today:

"We deny that any MCC investigator or other representative has engaged in surveillance of the residence or other location used by convicted gambler Eugene Nolan.

"We deny that any representative or agent of the MCC 'was seized by Nolan in the very act of keeping his house under surveillance with binoculars.'"

The MCC's executive committee said it demands that chief assistant DA Charles R. Ward "produce evidence to support his statements . . ."

THE MCC further charged that assistant District Attorneys Richard Burnes, James Alcock and Numa Bertel "were directly responsible for disclosing publicly Mr. Kohn's testimony in the secrecy of the grand jury room, concerning his knowledge that Nolan was currently engaged in gambling operations in New Orleans."

Nolan's name figured last week in the jailing of Kohn for contempt of the grand jury. Kohn was freed the following day by the Louisiana Supreme Court.