

Bundy Gets 20 Days for Stealing Pants

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Vernon W. Bundy Jr., a principal state witness in the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw, today pleaded guilty to a theft charge and was sentenced to 20 days in the House of Detention.

Bundy's attorney, Rudolph Becker III, said he advised his client to plead guilty to stealing two pair of pants from a store because he felt Bundy, a narcotics addict, would be safer in jail than on the streets where he would be tempted to use drugs again.

Judge Andrew G. Bucaro, who imposed sentence, said he would order Bundy released if his doctor agreed to take him back for methadone treatment. Methadone is a narcotics substitute used to help addicts break their habits.

Bundy told a Criminal District Court jury he saw Lee Harvey Oswald and Shaw meet on the lakefront. Shaw was acquitted of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy. Oswald was named by the Warren Commission as the assassin. Bundy said the school he attended bears no resemblance to the truth. I certainly in no way indicated that there was any connection.