

Police Arrest U.S. Witness In Vets Trial

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GAINESVILLE, Fla., Sept 13 (AP) — Police arrested a government witness in the Gainesville conspiracy trial of eight Vietnam Veterans Against the War today and charged him with four counts of grand larceny.

Joseph W. Fennell, a former private detective and executive director of the Alachua County Housing Authority, was accused of stealing \$1,400 in cash and supplies from the authority in 1971.

Fennell testified at the conspiracy trial of the eight anti-war activists accused of plotting violence during the 1972 Republican National Convention.

Fennell said he was the landlord of the Gainesville house where the alleged conspiracy was hatched. He testified one of the activists told him they would use slingshots at the convention.

The eight were found innocent of the charges last month.

Fennell turned himself in to authorities and was released from the Alachua County jail without bail.