

## Dellums' Son Held in Robbery

Michael Dellums, the 16-year-old son of Congressman Ronald V. Dellums, is in custody in Alameda county Juvenile Hall in San Leandro on armed robbery charges, it was learned yesterday.

The youth was arrested in Oakland on July 4 in connection with the robbery on June 24.

Young Dellums accompanied by a public defender, appeared before a court referee yesterday at Alameda County Juvenile Court for a detention hearing, where it was determined there was sufficient evidence to hold him for a juvenile hearing.

The hearing was set for July 26 at Alameda County Juvenile Court in Oakland.

Congressman Dellums, an East Bay Democrat, confirmed the report of his son's arrest in a statement issued last night from his Washington, D.C. office.

Dellums said he talked to an Alameda county official last weekend and "I learned that the case was serious, but that the evidence did not indicate conclusively who the guilty party was.

"I was told that fingerprints were being taken, but they would not be analyzed until Thursday (today) . . . I thought that a preliminary hearing would not be held until all the evidence was gathered, and I told the (officials) that I would call him back (today) to learn about any additional facts.

"I subsequently learned that police reports indicate that the fingerprints do not belong to Mike. However, he is still in custody," the statement continued.

The black congressman said his son suffers from asthma and sickle cell anemia and required daily medication.

Dellums said he is trying to assemble the facts of the case, and he plans to return to the Bay Area as soon as possible.