

11 on Trial In Mistaken Drug Raids

Alton, Ill.

A U.S. District judge yesterday refused a defense motion for dismissal of all charges against 11 narcotics agents charged with violating the constitutional rights of 11 persons in bungled drug raids.

U.S. District Judge Omer Poos granted a separate trial, however, to one of the agents who was scheduled to go on trial yesterday in connection with 1973 "wrong house" raids.

After hearing a series of defense motions in his chambers, Poos ruled that Tom Teyssier of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau should be tried separately. He denied all other motions and ordered that selection of a jury should begin today in the trial of ten agents.

A federal grand jury last August indicted 12 agents on charges of violating the rights of 11 persons whose homes were raided last April.

The 17 - count indictment said the agents acted "without probable cause of search warrants" when they broke into six homes within a six-day period in Collinsville, East St. Louis and Edwardsville.

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