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# Panther Lawyer Says Dynamite Was 'Gift' From Ally of F.B.I.

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An agent or informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation made an unsolicited gift of dynamite to an alleged co-conspirator of the 13 Black Panthers who are accused of conspiring to bomb public places here, a defense lawyer declared yesterday in State Supreme Court.

The dynamite was later seized by the police in the apartment of the alleged co-conspirator, Trudie Simpson, and she was arrested for its possession, according to Gerald Lefcourt, attorney for the Panthers.

Miss Simpson, identified by the police as a 24-year-old clerk and a "lieutenant in the Black Panther party," "was arrested on Jan. 16, 1969, after detectives and F.B.I. agents raided her apartment at 317 Lefferts Avenue, in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

### Woman Pleads Guilty

The police said they had found 60 sticks of dynamite—some hidden in a refrigerator—36 sticks of TNT, a rifle and blasting equipment in Miss Simpson's apartment. She was charged with possession of dangerous weapons and held in \$15,500 bail.

Later, according to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, Miss Simpson pleaded guilty to possession of a weapon and was sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Milton Mollen, on Sept. 22, 1969, to a conditional discharge and five years' probation.

Yesterday Mr. Lefcourt declared that the dynamite found in Miss Simpson's apartment had been purchased in Vermont by Roland Hays, "an F.B.I.

agent or informer," who "provided it without any request" to Miss Simpson.

Mr. Lefcourt argued that his discovery of this and "other incredible things" in papers supplied to him by the Manhattan District Attorney's office entitled him to further time to study the papers. For this purpose, he requested an adjournment of pretrial hearings, which have been held — off and on since Feb. 2 — before Justice John M. Murtagh.

### Adjournment Opposed

Assistant District Attorney Joseph A. Phillips opposed the adjournment, asserting that Mr. Lefcourt had already had "ample opportunity" to study the papers.

Justice Murtagh had to intervene in the ensuing argument between the two irate lawyers, who accused each other of lying.

Five other defense lawyers joined Mr. Lefcourt in pressing for adjournment and criticizing what they called Mr. Phillips's "piecemeal" and "last-minute" provision of the papers.

Justice Murtagh, commenting that the hearings had already been delayed too many times "largely through the approach of defense counsel," finally ordered that the hearings resume Monday. He directed that the previous schedule be rearranged so that a different hearing could be held Monday instead of the one relating to the papers that Mr. Lefcourt had asked time to study.