

# Dean Will Be Sentenced Friday for Coverup Role

## Washington

Former White House counsel John W. Dean III will be sentenced Friday for his role in covering up the Watergate scandal.

It was announced yesterday that sentence would be imposed by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, who accepted Dean's guilty plea last fall to a single count of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

Under law, he could receive as much as five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines — although it was expected the sentence would be substantially less for the help

he has given prosecutors in bringing others to justice.

The 35-year-old Dean, President Nixon's chief accuser, vowed publicly 15 months ago, just before he was fired, that he would "not become a scapegoat in the Watergate case."

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