

Partin Charged With Assault; Free on Bond

BATON ROUGE (AP) — A charge of aggravated assault has been filed against Edward Grady Partin—the latest action in the state's tough drive against Teamsters Union Local No. 5.

Partin, the local's business agent, was arrested yesterday at about 6:30 p.m. when he arrived at the Baton Rouge International Speedway. He was freed on bond about an hour later.

THE controversial labor leader, a recent target of strong criticism from Gov. John J. McKeithen, was charged in connection with a 28-month-old incident involving a New Orleans television cameraman, Irby Aucoin.

Aucoin, in testimony before the State Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry, said Partin and other men threatened him and forced him to destroy film he had made of construction work at the speedway.

The warrant against Partin was issued by Dist. Atty. Albert Talbot of Napoleonville on an affidavit signed by Joseph Oster, commission investigator and private detective.

Oster, present when Partin was arrested, said a .38 German pistol and a carbine were taken from the trunk of Partin's auto.

OSTER asked Partin if he

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had any guns and he said yes," said Partin's lawyer. "Partin voluntarily opened the trunk of his car to show them and they took them."

The guns were turned over to the state police crime laboratory for examination, Oster said, along with a .22-caliber rifle and a 14-gauge shotgun seized in a search at the home of Hugh Marionneaux, described as a Teamster member, who lives near Baton Rouge.

Partin was booked and fingerprinted at the Gonzales office of the Ascension Parish sheriff's department.

The arrest came after Ken Scullin, a special assistant state attorney general, had said raids on the Teamsters Union Hall in Baton Rouge and at the homes of some local members was "only the beginning."

Gov. McKeithen has accus-

ed Partin and others in Teamsters Local No. 5 of being involved in much of the labor-management troubles which plagued the Baton Rouge area last year.

Partin called the actions against him and the union a policy of "pressure and harassment."



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EDWARD GRADY PARTIN