

DA's Witness In Shaw Trial Held in Miss.

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GULFPORT, Miss. — Vernon W. Bundy, an admitted dope addict who testified for the prosecution in the 1969 Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans, is one of five men captured in what officials said were the first arrests involving heroin sales in Mississippi history.

Bundy, 32, and four other men were picked up by federal and local officers here. A preliminary hearing is expected to be set shortly.

In the trial of Shaw for conspiring to kill the late President John F. Kennedy, Bundy testified that in 1963, while giving himself a drug injection on the New Orleans lakefront, he saw Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald together. He said Shaw gave Oswald money. A jury exonerated Shaw who has since sued DA Jim Garrison for civil damages.

The other four men arrested with Bundy are Thomas N. Harper Jr.; his brother, Vernell Harper, and John E. Kennedy, all charged with sale of heroin, and Warren Jackson, charged with possession of central nervous system drugs.

Jackson, 43, a former New

Orleans resident now living in Gulfport, and Kennedy, 32, of North Gulfport, were released on bond.

Gulfport police said they have been following this first suspected movement of heroin traffic in Mississippi since early this year.
