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McBride said that he was giving away the gasoline but dered McBride's South Side Shell service closed after In that customers were required to buy a rabbit's foot and a legal will form, usually for \$10, to get the free gas.

"He (Nixon) didn't give up the tapes, I'm not going to close my station," McBride said.

He threatened to reopen the station today, but IRS agents said McBride could be subject to a \$2500-a-day fine if he starts selling gas before complying with court orders to surrender his records.

George C. Levin, chief of the IRS Stabilization Department for northern Illinois, said his investigators were probing other complaints of price gouging but had found that "99 per cent" of the station operators are within the legal price limits.

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Sam McBride, whose gasoline station was the first in the Nation to be closed for violation of energy crisis price controls, says that if President Nixon can ignore a court order, so can he.

"Why should I adhere to a

court order when Nixon didn't give up the (Watergate) tapes and abide by a court order? If the man in the highest office in the land can ignore a court order, I can, too," the 31-year-old Chicago policeman told newsmen yesterday.

United States District Judge William J. Bauer ordered the Internal Revenue Service agents charged Sunday that attendants were selling gasoline at a price equivalent to more than \$2 per gallon.