

IRS Files Suit Against Gas Dealer in Ill.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (UPI)—
The federal government today filed suit against Chicago policeman Sam McBride, whose gasoline service station was the first in the nation closed for violation of federal gas price guidelines.

The Internal Revenue Service said the station was charging \$10 for a legal will form and a rabbit's foot, then giving the purchaser five "free" gallons of gasoline. McBride says he was giving away gasoline, not selling it.

The suit, which seeks at least \$2,500 in fines, charges McBride with violations of provisions of the Economic Stabilization Act and regulations issued to ensure enforcement of the act.

The IRS, which conducted the investigation that led to a court order closing McBride's South Side Shell station, said the suit was the first of its kind in the nation.

McBride had threatened to disobey the U.S. District Court order closing his station, saying that if President Nixon could ignore a court order to turn over the Watergate tapes, he could ignore one closing his business.