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### State Police Extend Coppola Suspension

LAFAYETTE (AP) — The suspension of State Police Capt. Roland Coppola of Troop I here has been extended for another 15 days, according to Col. Thomas Burbank, state police superintendent.

Burbank said today he has notified the Civil Service Commission of the extension. Burbank said he has the power to keep Coppola on suspension up to 90 days.

The original 15-day suspension period would have ended Thursday.

Coppola said he knew nothing of the extension.

Col. Ben Ragusa, assistant to Burbank, said that at the end of the 15-day extension period, Coppola would have to be reinstated or formal charges would have to be filed against him.

Coppola was suspended as Troop I commander after Gov. John McKeithen heard information gathered by Life mag-

azine investigators concerning organized crime in Louisiana. The magazine said Coppola had associated with rackets figure Carlos Marcello of Jefferson.

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