

FREED ON BOND

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Charge N.O. Man As Bookie King

A man New York authorities call "one of the biggest bookmakers in the country" went free on \$5,000 bond today while fighting extradition in Criminal District Court here.

Eugene A. Nolan, of 1700 Lakeshore dr., was arrested yesterday by investigators of the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Meanwhile, the DA's office charged the investigation of Nolan was jeopardized by the "irresponsible" actions of Metropolitan Crime Commission Director Aaron M. Kohn.

NOLAN WAS ONE of 22 persons indicted by the Nassau County, N. Y., Grand Jury yesterday in what Nassau DA William Cahn termed a \$100 million a year bookmaking operation.

Cahn said Nolan and Gilbert Lee Beckley of New York City are "the biggest bookmakers in the country."

The 199-count indictment against them and 20 others included charges of conspiracy to commit bookmaking, bookmaking as a felony, and bookmaking as a misdemeanor.

FELONIOUS BOOKMAKING, Cahn explained, involves taking at least five bets totaling more than \$5,000.

Nolan appeared before Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff this morning, handcuffed to other prisoners.

He was represented by attorneys Virbil Wheeler and Guy P. Johnson.

JUDGE BRANIFF reduced his bond to \$5,000 from \$25,000 and Nolan was cut loose from the other prisoners and went to clerk's office to make bond.

He refused to waive extradition, and a hearing on the matter will be allotted tomorrow to one of the eight criminal-district court judges.

A news release from the DA's office said that in addition to Nolan, Cecil Dobrowski was arrested in Baton Rouge in "response to a warrant returned by the grand jury of Nassau County and was charged with betting and as an accomplice of Nolan."

THE RELEASE said the arrest of Nolan and Dobrowski "climaxed an investigation in Louisiana which commenced one year ago. The investigation was carried out with the

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joint cooperation" of Cahn and DA Sargent Pitcher of Baton Rouge.

Garrison's office charged that the investigation and arrest in New Orleans "were jeopardized by recent irresponsible statements and actions" by Kohn.

"The Metropolitan Crime Commission in attempting to conduct a surveillance . . . tipped Nolan to the fact that his house was under surveillance when on Thursday of last week one of its investigators was physically seized by Nolan in the very act of keeping his house under surveillance with binoculars," the press release said.

NOLAN'S NAME figured last week in the jailing of Kohn for contempt of the grand jury.

Nolan was taken into custody by police and DA's men as he left a restaurant at Dryades and Napoleon. His bond was first set at \$2,500.

Later, Asst. DA John Volz and DA's investigator Lynn Loisel accompanied Nolan to his Lakeshore dr. home with a search warrant. When Nolan was returned to the Central Lockup, his bail was boosted to \$25,000.

KOHN WAS jailed last week in Parish Prison for 18 hours when he refused to tell the Orleans Parish Grand Jury the name of a confidential informant who reported that Nolan was operating a bookie ring in New Orleans.

Beckley was one of nine persons indicted last May 19 by a Nassau County grand jury on bookmaking charges. He was free on bail. Cahn said the new indictments were "an expansion of our case against the bookmaking ring exposed last May."

Cahn described those indicted as "bookmakers" bookmakers who took the "laid-off" bets of bookies who had too heavy a play.

HE SAID THE ring had roots in the New York metropolitan area, Miami, New Orleans, other U.S. cities which he declined to name and also stretched into Canada.

Cahn said the ring concentrated on handling bets on basketball games, both pro and college. He said it also handled college and professional football and baseball but eschewed horse racing.

Cahn said the ring systematically collected information on injuries, sickness and general condition of athletes to gain an advantage in betting before the point spread was affected by publicity on such items.

CAHN CLAIMED the roundup netted "the biggest and most important men operating in the 10 largest bookmaking operations in New York City."

Also indicted was David Budin, 33, of Cedarhurst, N.Y., a former captain of the Brooklyn College basketball team who was also named in the May indictment and is free on bail.

The indictment covered the period from Dec. 16, 1965 to Aug. 31, 1967.

A FEDERAL JUDGE in Tulsa, Okla., on July 1, 1967, sentenced Nolan to serve eight years in prison and to pay fines of \$20,000 for transmitting and conspiring to transmit betting information over interstate telephone lines.

Last August, Nolan was sentenced in Houston to serve two years and to pay a fine of \$10,000 for a similar conviction.

While Nolan was at liberty under bonding an appeal to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Internal Revenue Service here slapped a tax lien for \$718,284.19 on any property he may own. The lien claims that the almost three-quarters of a million dollars is owed by Nolan as wagering excise taxes for the years 1958 through 1967.

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Extradition Fight Looms in Betting Case

A New Orleans man arrested here in connection with a massive crackdown on bookmaking in New York has indicated he will fight extradition to Nassau County.

Eugene A. Nolan, 1700 Lake-

shore dr., was released on \$5,000 bond by Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff, who reduced the bail from \$25,000.

Nolan was arrested Monday afternoon after his indictment

by the Nassau County Grand Jury. He was one of 22 persons named in the charges.

However, Nassau County Dist. Atty. William Cahn called Nolan one of the two "biggest bookmakers in the country."

Ten other men accused in the case were arraigned at Mincola, N. Y., yesterday.

Nolan's case will be allotted to one of New Orleans' eight criminal court judges for a extradition hearing.