

Two-Year Sentence

# Marcello Gets Jail Term, Fine

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HOUSTON—A federal judge sentenced Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello to two years in prison and fined him \$5,000 here today on a charge of assaulting a Federal Bureau of Investigation officer.

Marcello, 58, was convicted by a federal jury Aug. 9 of attacking FBI agent Patrick J. Collins at New Orleans International Airport Sept. 30, 1968.

HE WAS SENTENCED by U.S. District Judge John V. Singleton, who denied a defense request for a new trial and told defense counsel that Marcello "received a fair trial before an unprejudiced and unbiased jury, which found

him guilty."

Defense attorney Jack Wasserman of Washington had requested that Marcello be fined or given a suspended sentence, saying that no actual physical harm had been inflicted on Collins.

But Judge Singleton said that while "this is not what the court would term an aggravated type incident," there are indications "that he has had some brushes with the law. His activities have been such that he has been under

suspicion and accusation."

THE MAXIMUM sentence on the charge would have been three years and \$5,000.

While the judge denied the

defense request, he threw a couple of bouquets in Marcello's direction. "He seems to be a man of substance and charitable to the churches," Judge Singleton said.

Judge Singleton allowed Marcello to continue free on \$5,000 bond pending an appeal. He acted over the objections of assistant U.S. Atty. Ronald J. Blask, who protested that Marcello is under deportation orders.

WASSERMAN RETORTED, with a sarcastic edge to his voice, "He's been under deportation orders since 1952. So what?"

The charge against Marcello came after he took a swing at Collins while Collins was backed up to a low railing separating him from a 30-foot drop to a concrete drive.

Marcello and his brother had just returned from New York City, where they had been arrested eight days earlier at a meeting with rackets figures.

The incident took place after newsmen and photographers followed the two men and Marcello's son, Joseph, through the airport terminal and out onto a ramp leading to Marcello's car.



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