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'CONNECTION' SUSPECTED

Marcello-N.O. Crime Link Said Unproved

Organized crime exists in New Orleans but Carlos Marcello has not been proved the overlord, police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso said in a news conference.

Speaking to newsmen at his office yesterday, Giarrusso said Marcello, identified by federal agents as head of La Cosa Nostra in Louisiana, has persons fronting for him but the police department has not established a direct connection between Marcello and rackets here.

GIARRUSSO said persons who associate with Marcello do operate here and, because of that, the police department has reason to believe there is some connection between Marcello and people over here.

The police superintendent said organized crime here is mainly in the form of bookmaking, pinball operations, narcotics and other promotions of vice. We admit to the definition of organized crime) as

mentioned by others, we would be admitting that we are in collusion with the people that have been mentioned in organized crime," Giarrusso said.

"THERE HAVE been no allegations or mention that anyone in the department of Police has been connected with anyone in organized crime. Therefore, I subscribe to all of the elements present in the definition of organized crime with the exception of the one which says we would be acting in concert or in collusion with these criminals," it added.

Noting a report on organized crime by Ivor A. Trapolin

chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Crime and Delinquency, Giarrusso said he is requesting the U.S. attorney here to review the report and to determine of allegations named in the report could be brought before the federal grand jury.

Giarrusso also said he had sought Trapolin's permission to publicize statements Trapolin made to police in April, but Trapolin would not give such permission.