

Arraignment Due For Judge Friday

Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. will be arraigned Friday on charges of soliciting for prostitution, resisting arrest and obscenity by offering to show an obscene film.

Haggerty, 56, is scheduled to be arraigned before Judge Alvin L. Oser.

Judge Oser declined to say whether he will preside at Haggerty's trial or recuse himself. "Let's wait until Friday and see what happens," Oser said.

Haggerty was arrested Dec. 17 in a police vice raid on the DeVille Motel with 13 other persons. He formally was charged by the district attorney's office Dec. 31 and announced later he would take a immediate leave of absence.

Oser Asks Ruling on Recusal

Criminal District Judge Alvin V. Oser today asked a fellow judge to decide whether he should recuse himself from the arraignment of Judge Edward A. Haggerty on charges that grew out of his arrest at an alleged "stag" party.

Oser, who was allotted the Haggerty case, has been asked by Haggerty's attorney, Robert Zibilich, to step aside and let another judge hear the case.

Zibilich said he plans to

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call Oser as a witness in the case in that Oser signed search warrants which resulted in the arrest of Haggerty.

Haggerty was arrested last month at a downtown motel and charged with obscenity, resisting arrest and soliciting for prostitution.

Oser has asked Judge Matthew S. Braniff to rule on whether Oser should recuse himself in accordance with a law that states that recusal must be decreed by another judge.