

Braniff to Rule On Judge for Haggerty Trial

Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff will preside over the hearing at 10 a. m. tomorrow to determine which judge will try a colleague, Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., on charges resulting from a vice raid Dec. 17.

Judge Haggerty is accused of soliciting for prostitution, resisting police officers and obscenity, all misdemeanors. The district attorney's office filed the charges Dec. 31 and the case was allotted to Judge Alvin V. Oser.

With Judge Haggerty scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow, his attorney, Robert J. Zibilich, filed a motion asking that Judge Oser recuse himself from hearing the cases on grounds that he is a material witness in the Haggerty cases.

Zibilich said Judge Oser signed arrest warrants for several persons arrested in the same raid, on an alleged stag show at the DeVille Motel.

If Judge Braniff decides, after tomorrow's hearing, there are no grounds for Judge Oser's recusal, the cases will remain in Judge Oser's section of the court. If he finds recusal warranted, the cases will remain with Judge Braniff.