

Attorneys For Marcello Plan Appeal

Attorneys for Carlos Marcello will appeal the rejection of his plea for a new trial on charges of striking an FBI agent.

The notice of appeal was filed in Houston Federal District Court. Last week in Houston Judge John Singleton Jr. denied a motion for a new trial and gave Marcello, 61, until Sept. 4 to get his affairs in order before starting a two-year jail term for assaulting the agent at New Orleans International Airport in 1966.

The U.S. Supreme Court last month rejected Marcello's appeal and directed the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals here to carry out the sentence.

In their plea to Judge Singleton, Marcello's counsel argued that the airport incident was staged by the FBI and the alleged entrapment was concealed by the government.