

Successor or Not, Supt. Giarrusso Quits Tomorrow

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Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso said today he is stepping down tomorrow whether his successor is named by then or not.

Police headquarters and City Hall were rife with rumors today over possible successors to Giarrusso, but city officials at midday insisted no decision has been made.

The possibility existed that deputy Supt. Presly Trosclair, also retiring, will take over on a temporary basis.

The field for a permanent successor seems to have nar-

rowed down to three choices:

—Capt. Clarence Giarrusso, head of the narcotics squad, brother of Supt. Giarrusso.

—Traffic Court clerk Louis Sirgo.

—Maj. Henry Morris, chief of detectives.

Supt. Giarrusso announced his retirement months ago and the administration of Mayor Moon Landrieu has been trying to decide on a man to head the department.

A temporary regime under Supt. Trosclair would give the administration more time to make a decision, but rumors persisted today that a selec-

tion is imminent.

GIARRUSSO, 46, a native New Orleanian, is ending a 24-year career with the police department. He has spent the last 10 as superintendent.

He first joined the force in July, 1946, serving later at the district level and as an instructor at the Police Academy. He became head of the narcotics division shortly after it was organized and moved up to assistant superintendent in 1957.

Both Landrieu and former Mayor Victor Schiro tried to talk Giarrusso out of retiring but to no avail.

