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Pair Charged in Pinball Bribes

Giarrusso Fires Two Officers

Two highly-placed police officers arrested with District Attorney Jim Garrison and seven others on federal bribery charges were fired yesterday from the police department.

Dismissed by Police Supt. Clarence B. Giarrusso, effective at 5:30 p.m. yesterday, were:

Capt. Frederick R. Soule, assigned to Garrison's office as an investigator and a former commander of the police vice squad.

Sgt. Robert Frey, commander of the vice squad when the arrests were made, often cited for outstanding duty as a policeman, especially for his underground work on major cases.

THE TWO POLICEMEN were accused of accepting bribes in connection with the operation of illegal gambling-type pinball machines in New Orleans.

Both officers have been under suspension since July 1, 28 days after their arrest June 3, along with Garrison and seven persons connected with the pinball machine business in the New Orleans area and other parts of Louisiana.

Soule, who lives at 3250 Gentilly Blvd., has been on the police force for 25 years.

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Frederick Soule



Robert Frey

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member of 1946. He was named a sergeant in 1954, a lieutenant in 1964 and became a captain in April 1968.

Soule became commander of the vice squad in 1964. He was assigned to Garrison's office as an investigator in 1969. During his years as a policeman he also served as a traffic officer, a member of the narcotics squad and worked in most of the city's police districts. He also served a term as head of the Bureau of Services.

Frey, whose address is 651 Hailey Ave., Slidell, entered the police department's training school in January of 1962. Twenty-two days later he became a patrolman. He became a sergeant in 1967 and was named vice squad commander in April 1969.

Frey was assigned to the vice squad originally in 1962 but in 1963 joined the department's intelligence squad where

he remained until taking over as commander of the vice squad.

WHEN SOULE and Frey were arrested, Giarrusso said he would not suspend them until he had made his own investigation, contrary to his normal procedure of suspending policemen accused of a crime until their cases are disposed of in courts.

The police chief said he was taking the new stance because his department had not been in on the investigation leading to the arrest of Frey and Soule. The investigations were conducted by a U.S. Justice Department Task Force formed to investigate organized crime in Louisiana and Mississippi.

After a departmental investigation, Soule and Frey were suspended—their suspensions remaining in effect until they were fired yesterday.