

U.S. Gang-Buster Will Retire Here

The head of the federal organized crimestrike force in New Orleans, John Wall, today announced his retirement from the U.S. Justice Department.

Wall has been the attorney in charge of the strike force, responsible for coordinating all federal investigations into organized crime in this area, since June 1, 1970.

The strike force operates under the Organized Crime



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and Racketeering Division of the Justice Department.

The announcement of Wall's retirement came as a special

luncheon meeting of the Metropolitan Crime Commission directors was held to present Wall an award for "extraordinary service to law enforcement and criminal justice."

Wall said he plans to enter private practice of law. He will continue in his present position through the end of the year.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, president of the crime commission, presented the award at the International House. On hand were U.S. Atty. Gerald Gallinghouse; Aaron Kohn, managing director of the crime commission; other officers and members of the panel; Justice Department officials from Washington, and key members of Wall's strike force staff.

The award was made to Wall "in order to make sure his extraordinary service to the people of this area was given full recognition," Kohn said.

Wall "gave leadership to some extraordinary achievements," Kohn said.

His strike force was responsible in part for the investigation and charges filed against Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and nine others for alleged bribery in pinball operations.