

Lawman's Story of His Arrest

Santa Barbara

"I was just about to tell him I was a deputy district attorney but all I got out was 'hey' before he told me to shut up in no uncertain terms. Other cops in the truck pointed guns at us, so I thought it best to shut up."

So said Patrick McKinley yesterday as he described how law enforcement officers arrested him as he stood outside his Isla Vista apartment on Monday night.

McKinley, a Santa Barbara county deputy district attorney for 15 months, told his story as complaints against police actions continued to swell after seven straight nights of demonstrations and arrests in the compact community of 13,000 adjacent to the University of California campus here.

McKinley, 26, said he was standing in front of his apartment Monday night, talking to a neighbor when a truck

with six lawmen drove by.

Someone from another apartment yelled an obscenity, he said, and a following truck stopped. An officer said "There they are — get them." McKinley and his neighbor then were handcuffed and put aboard the truck, he said.

McKinley, who only joined the Santa Barbara office two weeks ago, said he remained in custody for 12 hours because none of the sheriff's deputies recognized him.

During this time he was not allowed to make a phone call, he said.

McKinley claimed that after he was told to "shut up" he did not try to identify himself as a public official

because "I was afraid I'd get cracked."

During his stay in jail, McKinley said he did not see anyone struck physically. But he said he saw one man in his cell who had "about a two-inch gash in his scalp" that went untreated.

When the injured man called for medical aid, he was thrown a roll of toilet paper, the deputy district attorney claimed.

He described conditions in the jail as "very crowded" and said that at one point

there may have been 40 persons in a cell built for 24.

When he finally was able to make it known he was a member of the district attorney's office, McKinley said, he was released from custody.

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