

Kent State Figure Won't Testify

Cleveland

An ex-Ohio National Guardsman called before the Kent State federal grand jury refused to testify yesterday and asked for full immunity, his attorney said.

C. D. Lambros of Cleveland said James Pierce, one of his clients, pleaded the Fifth Amendment right to protection from self-incrimination when he was called to testify.

Lambros said Pierce was read his rights by Justice Department representatives. Lambros has previously said he believes any witness to whom rights are read is a potential target of indictment.

Pierce, a Kent State student in 1970, was mobilized as a member the Guard's Troop G, 107th Armored Cavalry, when it was ordered onto the university campus May 2, 1970, to put down student demonstrations protesting U.S. military involvement in Cambodia.

Pierce is among those listed by the Guard as having fired his gun May 4 when Guardsmen opened fire on students. Four students were killed, and nine wounded.

Lambros refused to say what questions Pierce was asked, or to permit Pierce to talk to reporters.

Justice Department attorneys were unavailable for comment.

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