

Isla Vista Sheriff Aide Is Fired

SANTA BARBARA — (UPI) — The controversial sheriff's captain who headed law enforcement units at the Isla Vista riots has been fired on the basis of 11 charges.

He was accused of carrying medieval weapons, striking prisoners, illegally hurling tear gas from a helicopter and trying to frame a narcotics suspect.

Sheriff John Carpenter announced yesterday he had fired Capt. Joel B. Honey, 34, for failure to discharge his duties in a competent and responsible manner.

The charges against Honey involved his conduct near UC-Santa Barbara during the riot last year and at other times.

Honey said he would appeal the dismissal and ask for a hearing.

The dismissal charges accused Honey of hitting a handcuffed riot prisoner, and carrying a long Spanish sword and a mace — a ball studded with spikes at the end of a chain, of the type used by medieval knights.

The sheriff said Honey used tear gas without cause,



CAPT. JOEL HONEY

During 1970 riots

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and once left bleeding on the ground a man who had been shot out of a tree by a tear gas canister fired at point blank range.

Honey also took 1000 drug pills from the department's evidence room and instructed a subordinate to "plant" them on a suspected heroin seller, the sheriff charged, telling the subordinate the suspect "had to go to prison".