

New Charges in Isla Vista Riot

Santa Barbara

Joel B. Honey, fired as a sheriff's captain for alleged misconduct during the Isla Vista riots, has been accused of coaching officers in how to cover up the killing of rioters by leaving false evidence and setting fire to buildings.

The charge, the 12th against Honey, was filed Wednesday with the Civil Service Commission by Sheriff John Carpenter.

Honey was accused of telling an officer at the riot that "if your people go into a building and kill all of them, have them set fire to the building, because that's what they did in Watts."

CHARGE

He was charged with telling the officer to "get some throwaway guns for your people so when you kill one of (the rioters) you can leave a throwaway gun," as evidence to justify the killing.

Honey was accused of telling the officer to send men out in teams of at least two, to corroborate an alibi if they killed anyone.

The charge said Honey made the statements to Lieutenant Harvey Harrison of the Ventura County Sheriff's

Department, and he was also heard by Ventura County Sheriff's Lieutenant Hank Varet.

Honey was in overall command of the law enforcement forces at the first riots in the Isla Vista student quarter in February, 1970. No one was killed during this incident.

REPUTATION

During the controversy over Honey's handling of the riot, law enforcement officials from other counties said they would not respond to calls for help from Santa Barbara county again if their men were to be put under Honey's command.

Honey was fired in November. Sheriff Carpenter accused Honey of illegally dropping tear gas on rioters from a helicopter, carrying a sword and mace at the riot, striking handcuffed prisoners, pointing his pistol at passersby and telling a subordinate to frame a suspect.

Honey appealed the dismissal and the Civil Service Commission scheduled a hearing on his appeal for next month. The charge made Wednesday by Carpenter becomes part of his justification for firing Honey.

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