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Huey Newton Arrested

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Black Panther leader Huey P. Newton and a bodyguard were arrested yesterday after a disc jockey claimed the two beat him up in an Oakland bar.

A large force of Oakland police led by two sergeants in plainclothes took Newton and Robert Bay into custody outside Newton's apartment

building at 1200 Lakeshore avenue.

Newton was charged with misdemeanor complaints of battery and exhibiting a weapon in a rude and threatening manner. Bay was arrested on those two counts and an additional one of possessing a firearm. The weapon Newton allegedly

"exhibited" was not described.

A short time after they were booked into jail, attorney Charles Garry arrived to bail them out. Newton was released on \$750 bail and Bay was freed on \$1250 bail.

The complaint against the
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two was signed by Alonzo Miller, 29, who has a show on radio station KDIA under the name Marlon Scott.

Miller claimed that on the night of April 16, Newton and Bay attacked him without provocation as he sat in the Rainbow Lounge at MacArthur boulevard and Broadway.

He said he was sitting at a table when the two walked up to him and Newton said: "Don't you agree with me, brother?"

Miller said he replied: "I didn't hear what you said." At that point, he claimed, the two began beating him. He suffered two black eyes and a bloodied nose.

After his release, Newton said he was outraged by the arrest and said police are harassing him in a vendetta.

He was freed December 15 when a judge dismissed voluntary manslaughter charges against him stemming from a 1967 slaying of

an Oakland policeman.

Newton was convicted on the charge in a 1968 trial and spent 22 months in prison before an appeals court overturned the verdict. Two subsequent trials ended in hung juries.

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He said he couldn't understand the reason for the large posse of lawmen who showed up to arrest him "on this Mickey Mouse charge of disturbing the peace, which I don't know anything about."

Garry was similarly indignant, saying law enforcement agencies long have known that any time a Panther party member is sought for arrest Garry will arrange a surrender.

"All they had to do was call me so that there would be no hostility and everything would be kept harmonious."

Newton and Bay will be arraigned Thursday before Oakland Municipal Court Judge Lewis P. May.