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## A Newsman Wins One In Court

Washington

The Supreme Court let stand yesterday a decision that a Life magazine reporter was not required to reveal Justice Department sources who gave him information for an article on St. Louis Mayor Alfonso J. Cervantes and the underworld.

The reporter for the now defunct magazine is Denny Walsh.

Cervantes filed a \$12 million suit against Walsh and Time, Inc., publishers of Life, on the basis of a story that appeared in May, 1970.

The article accused the mayor of maintaining "business and personal ties with the gangsters that operate in his city." The article was entitled, "The Mayor, the Mob and the Lawyer."

Cervantes' suit asserted that four paragraphs contained false statements. Walsh testified that his information came from confidential reports and statements supplied by the Justice Department and the FBI.

Cervantes tried to compel disclosure of the informants' identity but Judge James H. Meredith refused the request. He said affidavits and other evidence showed neither the writer nor the magazine had any doubt about the truth of the story. He then dismissed the libel suit.

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