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Superior Court Overturns  
Ruling in 2 Newton Trials

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OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 2  
(UPI) — Superior Court Judge  
Lyle Cook rejected Tuesday a  
ruling by the judges in Huey P.  
Newton's two previous trials on  
manslaughter charges.

Judge Cook deleted from the  
indictment the fact that the  
Black Panther leader had been  
previously convicted in 1964  
of assault with a deadly weap-  
on. Inclusion of the previous  
conviction automatically made

the possible sentence in the  
current case two to 15 years.

Without this, the possible  
sentence is one to 15 years.  
Newton had already served 22  
months for the offense before  
the verdict was reversed by an  
appellate court.

Judge Cook acted because  
he said Judge Leonard Dieden  
had erred in the 1964 trial  
when he refused to provide  
Newton with a legal adviser  
while Newton was conducting  
his own defense. His attorney  
is now Charles Garry.