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Ex-Chief Of M.P.s Sentenced

ALEXANDRIA (Va.) — (UPI) — Retired Maj. Gen. Carl C. Turner, once the Army's top law enforcement officer and Chief U.S. Marshal was sentenced to three years in prison today on charges of illegally obtaining 136 guns from the Chicago Police Department.

Turner, 58, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Oren R. Lewis. Execution of sentence was postponed one week.

Turner had pleaded guilty April 9. At the time, eight other charges involving firearms violations were dropped.

\$5000 Fine

He still must face trial June 7, however, on four counts of income tax evasion.

Turner could have gotten a

maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5000 fine on the firearms charge. Each of the tax charges against him carries the same maximum penalty.

Turner, Provost Marshal of the Army from 1964 to 1968, was a central figure in a Senate investigation of noncommissioned officers clubs two years ago.

The hearings were held in September, 1969. When it was learned that Turner would be a key witness, he resigned under pressure as Chief of U.S. Marshals in the Justice Department.

He pleaded guilty to soliciting 136 guns from the Chicago police by pretending they would be a gift to the federal government. Turner admitted in court he then converted the guns to his own use.

The guns were seized by Chicago police during the 1968 riots which broke out following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A grand Jury accused

Turner on Jan. 12 of evading \$16,679 in Federal taxes by understating his income for the years 1965 through 1968 by a total of \$46,647. This income was allegedly derived from the guns he collected.

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A native of Altus, Okla., Turner was chosen by Attorney General John Mitchell to be Chief U.S. Marshal shortly after the Nixon Administration attained power.

Turner testified during Senate hearings that he sold confiscated weapons given to him by police departments. He said he did not report the receipts on his tax returns because gun collectors or hobbyists were not required to report such income.

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) accused Turner of helping cover up questionable activities of Sergeant Major William O. Wooldridge who subsequently was indicted for conspiring to defraud NCO clubs in Vietnam.