

Widow of Oswald And New Husband End Family Spat

Special to The New York Times

DALLAS, Aug. 19—Marina Oswald Porter and her husband of two and a half months, Kenneth Jess Porter, agreed to resume their marriage Thursday after they had talked alone in a judge's private office.

The reconciliation ended a spat in which the 24-year-old widow of Lee Harvey Oswald had Mr. Porter placed in jail Wednesday on charges of slapping her and threatening her with a pistol.

Before his attorney posted \$1,500 bond, Mr. Porter stayed five and a half hours in the same Dallas County jail where Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald, is being confined.

The Porters faced a mob of reporters on leaving the small courtroom of Justice of the Peace W. E. Richburg, where the reconciliation was worked out. Neither seemed overly happy.

Judge Richburg, 61 years old, chomped on an unlit cigar as the Porters stood before him. He lectured the couple in the presence of reporters before dropping the charge against Mr. Porter.

"You people go to church?" the judge asked them. When they nodded he asked, "Do you believe in it?" The Porters nodded again.

The judge then declared: "Well, you people are not living what you believe." The Porters agreed.

The judge reminded them that in light of past events they were not ordinary people. He admonished them to avoid the headlines in the future, and said that whatever they did reflected on Dallas.

The Porters promised the judge they would seek professional help in mending their differences.

Charles Tessmer, Mr. Porter's attorney, agreed to surrender to the judge Mr. Porter's .38 caliber pistol, which Marina said "frightened her."

Mr. Porter admitted slapping his wife across the face in their northeast Dallas home after he found her at a neighbor's home and her two small daughters alone in the house Wednesday.

He insisted he slapped her only because she appeared to be going into a hysterical convulsion as they quarreled.

Mr. Porter said his wife had stopped screaming when he slapped her and had fled into a bedroom, slamming the door. He said he lay down on a couch, tucking the gun in his pocket. He did so, he said, because he feared that Marina might try to use the gun on herself in her state of frenzy.

15TH