

\$30,000 'Lost' - 4 FBI Men Quizzed

NEW YORK — (UPI) — About \$30,000 is missing from a federal evidence vault in Brooklyn and at least four FBI agents have been "disciplined" and questioned under oath in an attempt to find the missing cash, *Newsday* reported today.

The newspaper, published in Garden City, N. Y., said the money was missing from an evidence bag that originally contained \$161,532 recovered in the arrests of two

men convicted of robbing a bank branch in Long Island City in 1968.

Furious Search

Access to the evidence vault, the newspaper said, is limited to personnel of the office of the U. S. attorney.

"The loss was discovered when the bank's insurance company came to claim the money and found that the bank was 'tight' by \$80,000. A furious search of the vault by the FBI turned up a small, unmarked suitcase

which was broken open," the newspaper said.

The suitcase contained \$50,000 in bills that originally had been in the evidence bag, *Newsday* said, but the other \$30,000 could not be found.

Lie Tests

At least four FBI agents who had been in a position to have contact with the evidence bag during its transfer from Baton Rouge, La., where it was confiscated, to the U. S. attorney's office, already have been "discip-

lined," the paper said, by being transferred.

The newspaper said the agents were put under oath and made to take lie detector tests, "a move said to be without precedent in an internal FBI investigation."

Although all the agents are known to have passed the polygraph test, they were disciplined anyway, *Newsday* said.

Questioned about the *Newsday* story today, a FBI spokesman in New York declined to comment.