

FBI Role Reported In Police Shakeup

2 Transfers Follow Rift Over Report

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Transfers of two Dallas police department intelligence officers were ordered after a rift and mixup between the department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sources confirmed Wednesday.

Lt. Jack Revill and Detective V. J. Brian were transferred following conversations between FBI officials and officials of the city government and police department, The Dallas Morning News learned.

Two FBI agents reportedly were suspended for 30 days in connection with the matter — the dissemination of a private FBI report on Mafia members in major cities, including Dallas.

Several officials confirmed the report Wednesday but asked to remain anonymous.

ACCORDING TO the sources, the FBI office in Dallas received a confidential report from Washington on underworld characters several weeks ago. Two FBI agents gave a copy to Lt. Revill, who had furnished some of the information to the FBI.

Revill and Brian routinely sent a copy to the Los Angeles police intelligence division, a comember with Dallas of a nationwide intelligence network. Los Angeles officers, noting deletions from information on California hoodlums, contacted the FBI office there.

Federal agents in California recognized the material as confidential and had the copy traced back to Dallas.

J. Gordon Shanklin, agent-in-charge of the Dallas FBI office, reportedly complained to Revill and Dallas Mayor Erik Jonsson. Revill reported the situation to Police Chief Charles Batchelor early last week and was relieved of his job as head of the intelligence section last Thursday.

THE ANNOUNCED transfer of Revill and Brian Tuesday coincided with the crea-

tion of a new administrative services bureau to include the intelligence section. In creating the new bureau, police officials said they hoped to make the intelligence section more accessible to the entire department than it had been in the past.

Observers saw it as a move, too, to place the section under closer scrutiny.

Chief Batchelor refused Wednesday to confirm or deny the reports. He said he transferred Revill and four other men "in the best interests of the police service."

He said it was an internal police matter.

WHEN RELIEVED of his command, Revill was given a choice of several other positions in the department and he chose the personnel bureau, sources said.

The 36-year-old lieutenant insisted Wednesday that he had asked to be transferred. "After seven years in intelligence work I was ready for a change," he told The News.

FBI agent Shanklin said, "I can't make any comment on this for obvious reasons. I just can't make any comment."

Mayor Jonsson also refused comment.

THERE WAS speculation that the FBI had wanted Revill removed since shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.