

Appellate Division Slates

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Hearing on Police Board

The Rochester Police Advisory Board, stripped of most of its power almost two years ago by a State Supreme Court decision, could be returned to prominence if an appeal of that decision is granted.

Appellate Division, Fourth Department, will hear arguments on the appeal Monday, the first day of its current two-week term.

The nine-member board, as set up originally, could investi-

gate charges of police brutality or other complaints against policemen and make recommendations to the public safety commissioner for action.

However, Justice Jacob Ark ruled Dec. 31, 1965, that the board could only hear complaints and pass them on, without comment, to the police chief. The board has been dormant since that time, pending appeal.

The Police Locust Club, an organization of city policemen, and several individual policemen had sought to stop operation of the board in the case before Judge Ark.

Judge Ark ruled the board is in conflict with the public safety commissioner. He said power to decide complaints against policemen is in the commissioner's hands.

The city asks the five-member high court to review this determination.

Mrs. Ruth B. Rosenberg of the city law department will represent the city and Ronald J. Buttarazzi will represent the Locust Club.