

# Police Accuser Loses; Gets 14-Month Term

City Judge Sidney Z. Davidson yesterday sentenced A. C. White, 46, of 383 Joseph Ave., to consecutive terms totaling 14 months in the Monroe County Penitentiary on charges of third degree assault, resisting arrest and driving without a license.

The charges, plus an additional felony charge of driving while intoxicated, resulted from White's arrest last Jan. 26 in Buchan Park. The felony charge is pending in County Court.

White accused the arresting patrolmen of brutality but later withdrew the charges.

The consecutive sentences meted out by Judge Davidson were: one year for assaulting police officer Vito D'Ambrosia, and 30 days each for the license and resisting arrest charges.

White began the term yesterday. His attorney, Reuben K. Davis, has 30 days in which to file an appeal. He said he is considering such an action.

After the trial, Davis revealed that White had filed a claim against the city and police officers D'Ambrosia, Louis M. Genovese and Gerald Gentile demanding \$50,000 for injuries White claimed he sustained as a result of the "wrongful and willful assault" on him by the three officers.

Before sentencing White, Judge Davidson told him that a policeman could employ "such force as is necessary" to arrest a person breaking a law. He also said White had "no respect for the law" and that his case was one of the factors that led to the creation of "this committee."

The latter remark was an apparent reference to the Integrated, Non-Violent Committee, whose negotiations with the city officials preceded City Council creation of a Police Advisory Board. Membership of the advisory board has not yet been announced.

After White substituted a guilty plea for a not guilty plea to the license charge Judge Davidson ruled White guilty on the assault and resisting arrest charges. He then sentenced White and ad-

monished him to "walk up right" after his release.

In sentencing him, Judge Davidson called him "a confirmed liar and a disgrace to your race and the community. It is unfortunate good citizens got involved trying to help a man like you."

During the trial, Patrolman D'Ambrosia testified he arrested White after observing him drive "erratically" in Buchan Park. D'Ambrosia said White used profane language, threatened him, kicked him in the groin and punched him in the face.

D'Ambrosia also said that White struggled to avoid getting into a patrol wagon called to the scene. The assistance of officers Gentile, Genovese and Albert Bussendorfer was required, D'Ambrosia said, to get him into the patrol wagon.

D'Ambrosia also said he had to hit White with a coca bolo club (a short nightstick) on the right hand and head to get him to release his hold on the patrol wagon's side.

At this point Judge Davidson rejected a motion by Javis to produce D'Ambrosia's account of the incident made to his superiors. Judge Davidson said he did not believe D'Ambrosia's "personal file" should be made public.

Davis said he wanted to examine the file to see if it would show inconsistencies between D'Ambrosia's court testimony on the arrest and the account given in his report to superiors.

On the stand, White said he only employed profanity after D'Ambrosia made derogatory remarks about his being a Negro.

He also said he held on to the side of the patrol wagon to avoid a possible head injury that might result if he were trust suddenly inside the vehicle. White said he had suffered a fractured skull in 1961.

White further charged, in

## Police Dog Dogs Police

Some police dogs just aren't cut out for police work, a sheriff's deputy learned yesterday.

About noon yesterday Sheriff's Deputy Robert Crowder answered a complaint of an annoying German shepherd in Wills Road, Chill. Crowder learned that an unlicensed dog had been nipping at children. He and off-duty Deputy John Smith, who lives in the neighborhood, finally coaxed the dog into Crowder's patrol car to await the Humane Society ambulance.

The dog, however, didn't like the car. He tore the cloth lining from the interior of the roof, damaged the door panels and ripped out the police radio wiring. Damage was extensive. Finally, the Humane Society ambulance arrived and took the dog away. Crowder drove the remains of his patrol car back to the county jail for some repairs.

## Moore Raided Medical Cell, State Says

By JACK TUCKER

A new theory as to how accused slayer James R. Moore got the pills that put him in a coma was disclosed yesterday, and it appeared fairly official.

Moore snatched a quantity of sleeping pills simply by reaching into a cell used for medical purposes at Monroe

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direct contradiction to testimony by officer Genovese, that "they beat me" inside the wagon. He said D'Ambrosia and one other officer, whom he could not see, were in the wagon.

Davis twice moved for dismissal of the assault and resisting arrest charges, once early in the trial and later after the defense rested its case, on grounds the prosecution had not proved its charges. Judge Davidson rejected both motions.

White was hospitalized after his arrest with a fractured arm and finger, and head and finger cuts. The four patrolmen were suspended by Police Chief William M. Lombard for 10 days. Their reinstatement led to the organization of the Non-Violent Committee and the city administration's decision to set up the police advisory board to handle charges of alleged police brutality.