



## 2nd Weatherford brother indicted

Michael Weatherford, 32, a man police have long suspected of large-scale criminal involvement here, turned himself in to county police at 3:30 p.m. Friday after being indicted by the Tippecanoe County grand jury on drug-dealing charges.

Also arrested Friday on a grand jury indictment, leaving only one of the 16 indicted Wednesday still at large, was Kenny Hardy, 34, of 940 N. 7th St.

Hardy is charged with unlawful dealing in a controlled substance and was being held at the county jail late Friday night in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Seven of the 15 taken into custody remained jailed this morning. The others have made bond ranging from \$2,000 to \$35,000.

**FORMER LAFAYETTE** City Court Judge Lewis T. Wireman was free on property bonds totaling \$35,000 four hours after he was arrested on grand jury indictments listing 12 charges against him, including five of first-degree burglary. Weatherford, of 423 Wabash Ave., turned himself in to authorities with a \$25,000 property bond in-hand and was in custody only long enough to be fingerprinted and booked at state police headquarters.

He is charged in the indictment with two counts of dealing in a con-

trolled substance. Weatherford allegedly sold an unnamed person illicit drugs, amphetamines and phendimetrazine "uppers" on Nov. 17 and 28, 1975.

**HIS ATTORNEY**, John Gamba, of the law firm of Heide, Gamba and Mucker, filed a motion for bond reduction even before Weatherford was in custody.

Wireman, who had his entire \$8,000 annual city judge salary withheld for taxes when he served on the bench, asked for a court hearing immediately after his 12:30 p.m. arrest Friday. It did not get under way until 4 p.m., with Superior Court 2 Judge Jack King presiding. King approved Wireman's property bonds, signed by his brothers Kenneth and Clyde, but the two had a debate momentarily over a legal technicality.

Wireman wanted King to make it a matter of record that his appearance in court to present bond did not mean he was waiving his right to ask for a special judge in the case.

**KING SAID** Wireman "as an attorney" should know the request is a matter of law that didn't need to be made part of the record.

Wireman stood before the bench with his law partner, Dan Houston, but said Houston was not there to represent him.

Two county police officers brought Wireman to court about 1:30 p.m. Friday and stayed with him until his release.

Wireman sat in the court and read and helped prepare the legal bond documents. Occasionally he talked to the officers.

"IF YOU HAD just called me Thursday, I would have just walked over to the jail," he told them at one point. "I don't know why it had to be so dramatic."

He was arrested as he walked out of West Lafayette City Hall, where he faces criminal and ethical charges before the Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, which seeks to disbar him.

Asked if he had any statement to make concerning his indictment, Wireman said "it wouldn't be appropriate."

It is believed he will be defended in court by Indianapolis criminal attorney Forrest Bowman.

It was learned Friday that Deputy Special Prosecutor James McGlone will disqualify himself from any involvement in the Wireman case.

He said late Friday he didn't want to comment on the reasons at this time.

Weatherford had been expected to turn himself over to authorities at 8:30 a.m. Friday after police searched in vain for him Thursday night. But he didn't show up. In mid-afternoon Special Prosecutor George Hanna was informed that Weatherford had yet to turn himself in. Hanna made a call to Gamba and within about 10 minutes Weatherford was at the county jail.

**WEATHERFORD'S PREVIOUS** convictions include: Accessory to second-degree burglary, Jan. 8, 1969; three counts of theft, Oct. 29, 1965; and interstate transportation of firearms by a convicted felon, Nov. 12, 1971.

Weatherford's brother, Dick, 34, also has been indicted by the jury on a charge of third-degree arson at Alton Boxboard, Nov. 1, 1974.

Dick Weatherford was released from jail late Friday night on \$25,000 bond.

Dick also has a series of previous felony convictions.

Hanna said the indictments this week have "smashed" two criminal organizations in Lafayette involved in burglaries, narcotics, loan-sharking and fencing of stolen property.

There were indications that Wire-

man and Weatherford are suspected of being the heads of those organizations.

The indictments fit into the original charge given to Hanna and the grand jury. They were told to look into allegations that crimes have not been investigated and cases not prosecuted.

Hanna said there is "substantial evidence" that one of the groups had influence over certain members of the Lafayette and Tippecanoe County police departments. He said the influence led to lack of arrests

of certain individuals.

**HANNA SAID** that since the special state police investigative team began work here in late October, they have solved about 50 home burglaries.

He said the preliminary investigation into one of the two organizations got results through "the excellent work" of fired Chief Deputy Prosecutor John Dibble. Prosecutor James Kizer fired Dibble in October, calling him insubordinate and uncooperative.

Hanna said state police continued the work after Dibble's firing, enabling the grand jury to "reach the leader, or fourth-level, of this gang."

He said investigation of the other organization was done by state police headed by Capt. Robert Kleiman and Lt. Oscar Gates.

The grand jury will go back into session Tuesday morning. Monday is a legal holiday. It is expected it will meet through the end of the month.



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