Six Hell's Angels Held Without Bond ---Hearing Is Continued To Oct. 27

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A preliminary hearing for six members of the Hell's Angels facing charges of assault to murder was continued in City Court yesterday to Oct. 27. All will be held in City Jail without bond until the hearing.

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The six out-of-town members of the motorcycle club were arrested early Tuesday after they clashed with police at the Jade East Lounge at 1726 Lamar.

Barry Roquette, manager of the lounge, said yesterday that police have since told him to give up his club or be forced out of business.

"I went down (to the police station) to try and bail my wife out and they pulled me in the captain's office," he said. Uniform policemen "told me that night (after midnight Tuesday) when I went down there that I might as well forget it, that they are going to do everything they can to keep my business away from there.

"They said they were going to bust me if there was just a beer can lying out in front of my place . . . They know that I know the Hell's Angels . . . The whole thing was a setup by police."

Crouch

Padavick

Benson

His wife, Mrs. Barbara Roquette, a co-manager of the lounge who was arrested for disorderly conduct at the scene, was released on her own recognizance at a hearing Tuesday morning. She is to appear in City Court on the charge Monday.

Internal affairs officers said yesterday they have no plans to investigate the scuffle at the lounge. Four witnesses have told The Commercial Appeal that the police were beating the motorcycle club members.

Eddie E. Stowers of 2061 Southern, a security guard for the Tennessee Department of Corrections, said, "I heard the call on the police radio in my house." Mr. Stowers said he then decided to go to the scene.

"I got there about the time most of the cars were merging on the scene, I guess about 1:05 a.m. . . . The police seemed real interested in the bystanders, as if they didn't want them to see what was going on. I was ordered home, which I did not do.

"They (the members of the Hell's Angels) all seemed pretty cooperative to me. I didn't hear any obscenities being shouted either way." He said the "Angels" did not fight.

"A lot of them (policemen) were not wearing their nameplates like they obviously should have been . . . I do know there were some without their name tags because I was looking for them."

Police authorities again said yesterday that the incident was not a planned raid on the club after witnesses said there were between 15 and 20 cars at the scene. Mr. Stowers said he counted more than 20 cars.

Mr. Stowers said he did not see any of the club members being beaten.

Five of the motorcycle club members were present at the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon. A sixth member, Frank Dargento, 22, of Buffalo, N.Y., was in poor condition last night at John Gaston Hospital. Matthew Zanoskar, 25, president of the Cleveland (Ohio) Hell's Angels chapter, was released from the hospital to the custody of police about three hours before the hearing.

Others were identified as James E. Gray, 30, of Cleveland; Lloyd Norman Benson, 22, of Buffalo; Thomas Padavick, 23, of Cleveland and Clarence D. Crough, 32, of Shreveport, La.

All six were charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assault to murder. Crouch and Gray also were charged with carrying a dangerous weapon. Padavick and Benson also were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Police have said the group was in town to recruit members for a local chapter which is now in existence.

Deputy Police Chief W. O. Crumby said yesterday, "We are not condemning all motorcycle clubs . . . There are some clubs that are family affairs and who are law-abiding people."

Ex-'Angel' To Tell About Three Bodies

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UKIAH, Calif., Nov. 5. (UPI) — A former Hell's Angel allowed the outlaw motorcycle gang to bury three bodies on his remote farm as "part of paying off debts" to a biker he shot several years ago according to his attorney.

Now the former gang member, George 'Baby Huey' Wethern, "wants to make a clean breast of everything" and will tell law enforcement officers all he knows about the Angels, said Mendocino County

youngsters three years ago from Oakland, have agreed to talk under terms of an immunity agreement reached with authorities.

Four members of the gang have been charged with murder or being an accessory in the slayings of the two men and a woman whose bodies were unearthed on the ranch outside this northern California coastal area community 120 miles north of San Francisco. Three others are being sought.