

8 JAILED HERE IN NARCOTIC RAID

After Two Months Investigation

As a result of more than two months investigation into narcotic traffic in Peoria, eight persons were arrested and a large quantity of heroin and marijuana was seized early Wednesday in a raid staged by federal narcotic officers and the state's attorney's and sheriff's offices.

The raid centered on a residence at 620 Sixth avenue, believed to be the headquarters of the ring.

Richard (Dickie) Carter, said to be the ring-leader, was the first to be taken into custody. State's Attorney James P. Kellstedt said Carter is believed to have been peddling heroin and marijuana from the house at 620 Sixth avenue, alleged to be operated by James "Jimmie" Bell of 912 Sanford street.

Posts Bond

Carter waived preliminary hearing Wednesday on a federal warrant charging sale of narcotics and was released under \$3,000 bond posted by Louis Koren, professional bondsman.

A similar warrant has been issued against Bell. He was not present when the raid was staged and is being sought by authorities.

Arrested in or near the Sixth avenue address were a group of alleged drug addicts: John Diggs and Vernon Coleman, of St. Louis; Melvin Green, Charles Humble, Irene Perkins, Francis Young and Richard Carroll.

State's Attorney Kellstedt said the seven are being held for questioning by his office for alleged participation in narcotics and possible white slave traffic.

Taking part in the raid were four officers from the federal narcotics bureau in Chicago: Chief Deputy Sheriff Jack Francis, Deputy Sheriff Willard Kingsley, and Walter F. Barnewolt, special investigator for the state's attorneys office.

6-Hour Search

Most of the narcotics seized in the Sixth avenue house were found after a search that lasted almost six hours.

Barnewolt said he found 29 No. 5 capsules hidden in a chest of drawers. Tested by narcotic agents, the capsules proved to be heroin.

The arrests and searches were made on federal warrants issued by U. S. Commissioner William H. Moore on affidavits furnished by a man produced by the state's attorney.

Hypodermic needles, "heaters" and other equipment used in the narcotics traffic were reported found in the house. Most of the evidence was taken to Chicago by the federal agents for future prosecution.