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PEORIA, III. — Cabristo (Bris) Collins, alleged racket boss of Peoria and who at one time was alleged to have been the brains behind a \$100,000 policy wheel on Chicago's Westside, surrendered to Federal authorities Wednesday to start serving a one year sentence in state penitentiary for possession of counterfeit money.

Collins was sentenced July 1 when he pleaded guilty to the charge on advice of his attorneys. He had been tried twice, in 1952 and 1953, on the charge but both trials ended in hung juries.

Assistant United States Attorney John M. Daugherty, said Tuesday that had Collins refused to plead guilty when he did, he would have faced a third trial.

On request, Collins was granted a 60-day period to clear up his business and was to surrender Sept. 1.

A popular sportsman throughout the Mid-West, Collins was among those mentioned in the Kefauver crime investigations several years ago.

Southside sources, some repeating only rumors, however, alleged that Collins was one of the city's biggest policy operator. His former chauffeur, "Bulldog" Shorty, had a reputation as narcotics pusher.