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Lack Of Prosecution' ²⁺⁹ Kills Case On Collins

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Carbristo (Bris) Collins has been found not guilty of charges being the keeper of a house of ill fame because of "lack of prosecution." Charges also were dropped for the same reason against four other persons arrested in connection with a state license raid Sept. 11 on the Chicken Shack at 4016 New York Ave.

The office of Justice of the Peace Ronald Hagel said this was the reason he dismissed the charges against Collins, said to be the owner of the Chicken Shack, and against Ernestine Leslie as an inmate; Willie Brown and Hugh Morelock as frequenters, and Pamela Reynolds as an inmate.

State's Atty. Eugene Pratt and District State Police Capt. Andrew Jackson Lindeen said Collins owns the property and leases it to the Leslie woman. Capt. Lindeen said: "It certainly wasn't lack of prosecution on the part of the state police; we had two troopers at the hearings and no one notified us that anyone else would have to be there."

sections of the law based on what witnesses at the raid saw. Capt. Lindeen said, however, that Marcluk was the one who said how each defendant should be charged.

Hagel held hearings for the five and several others arrested in the raid last Thursday and took the cases of the five under advisement until handing down his decision Monday.

State police signed nine warrants in all at the time of the arrest.

At hearings last Thursday Crystal Walker pleaded guilty to a charge of being an inmate of a house of ill fame and was fined \$200 and costs.

Alfred Willis and Opal Hilton pleaded not guilty to charges of being frequenters and Judge Hagel Monday amended these charges to disorderly conduct and fined the two \$10 each and costs.

Hearing for W. C. Hollie, also charged with being a frequenter, was continued because he was out of town at the time of the hearing, Judge Hagel's office said.