

# Appellate Court Upholds Vice Court Conviction, Sentence

The 3rd District Appellate Court has upheld the ruling of Magistrate David C. McCarthy in sentencing Viola Ann Pryor to one year in the Women's Reformatory in Dwight for soliciting for prostitution.

MISS PRYOR was arrested at 409 Aiken St. on May 28, 1965 by Sheriff Ray W. Trunk, who had gone to check the padlock on the house next door, which had been ordered closed by court order because of prostitution activities there.

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## Court Upholds Hardy Conviction

The conviction of Mose Hardy, 27, of 523 W. 3rd Ave., for burglary of the American Legion hall, 523 W. Third Ave., has been affirmed by the Appellate Court at Ottawa, states Atty. George R. Kennedy was informed yesterday.

He was sentenced to five to seven years in the penitentiary Sept. 23, 1965.

Trunk said that while he was at that door, a woman next door tapped on the window and signaled him to come in. Trunk arrested Miss Pryor and two other women. At a hearing before Judge McCarthy in September of 1965, the other two were acquitted.

Eugene M. Pratt, attorney for Miss Pryor, said he has advised his client that she also has the right to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court.

**PRATT POINTED** out that the decision upholding Judge McCarthy was 2 to 1, with a

“very strong dissenting opinion.” Pratt said his client said she would let him know Monday whether to appeal the case further.

Miss Pryor has been free pending the appeal. If she chooses not to seek further legal remedies she will have to go to jail for one year.