

7 Plead Guilty in Vice Probe

PANAMA CITY —(UPI)—
Seven persons pleaded guilty and two others were convicted in City Court Friday on charges of lewd and lascivious behavior involving homosexual acts.

Two others, including a local Sunday School superintendent, were acquitted and six cases were continued.

The trials followed a city-wide crackdown on perversion in an investigation that took more than a month to complete.

Acting City Judge Dayton Logue delayed sentencing until Saturday at 11 a.m.

Claude Lee Clark, 63-year-old Sunday school superintendent of the Church of Latter Day Saints here, and Stanley Touchton Martin, 56, Montgomery, Ala., salesman, were found innocent after trial and acquitted. They had been charged with soliciting for unnatural sex relations.

Two men who pleaded innocent were tried and convicted. They were Larry Lee Hardy, 21, Panama City laborer, and James Eldon Estes, 43, local truck driver.

Guilty pleas were entered by Air Force Lt. Robert Milton Campau, 34, Tyndall Air Force officer from Detroit, Mich., Dale Jennings Magee, 26, former teacher at Tyndall elementary school, Jesse Jack Granger, 38, service station operator, Walter Carl Shoupe, 18, a student, Thomas Everitt Baker, 18, student, Lemmie Lee Worthington, 39, boat works employe, and Ballard Mauldin Jr., 40, paper mill employe.

Continued until next Friday were cases against Herbert Laverne Marlow, 29, department store clerk, the Rev. Leonard L. Prusinski, 51, pastor of St. Johns Catholic Church here and principal of the parochial school, and Emory Donald Evans, 23, minister of music at the Seminole Baptist Church in Tallahassee.

Attorneys said an examination is being made into Prusinski's competency.