

## Phila. Priest Held for Fraud

The Rev. William C. Dodgson, a priest at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 10th and Christian sts. Philadelphia, was arrested Friday on charges of fraudulent conversion and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Two complainants told Judge Vincent A. Carroll, sitting as committing magistrate, that they gave the 30-year-old priest money to buy automobiles and never received the cars or got their money back.

Father Dodgson was held in \$25,000 bail for a hearing next Wednesday and committed to county prison in default. He did not wear clerical garb at the hearing.

One of the complainants, Robert Kane, 2321 McClelland st. testified that he gave Father Dodgson checks for \$1700 and \$2500 cash on April 28 for a new car.

The other complainant, Charles J. McKeown Jr., 3008 W. Girard ave., testified that on May 3 he gave a check for \$2232 to a mutual friend who was to give it to the priest for a 1955 Buick.

Police and seven other complaints are pending. Altogether, they said, the complaints involve \$14,700.

Police said Father Dodgson told them that he used the money to send a cousin through seminary and for other family obligations.

Police also said Father Dodgson was a \$100 and \$200 bettor at race tracks and won as much as \$7500 in a day. He gave his address as Lebanon ave., near st., Philadelphia.