

Spinelli Surrenders To Portland Lawmen

Crazy Horse Saloon operator Ralph Antone Spinelli Jr., surrendered himself to lawmen in Portland, Ore., late Thursday night after last-minute appeals to avoid extradition there on armed robbery charges were denied.

Spinelli, 30, along with former Fairfield Kinney Shoe Store manager Lance Byron Beighley, are charged with assault and armed robbery of Mary's Club in Portland last June 8 when three armed masked men held employees at gun point and reportedly took \$17,000 in cash.

In a last-ditch effort to avert extradition of his client, Spinelli's attorney, Harrison W. Hertzberg, Los Angeles, filed numerous petitions in California appellate courts this week, following the issuance of an extradition warrant by

Governor Reagan earlier this month.

According to Solano County Chief Deputy District Attorney Neil McCaslin, Spinelli volunteered during Vallejo Municipal Court proceedings Thursday to turn himself over to Portland authorities.

McCaslin, who has been chief prosecutor in the Spinelli extradition case here, said Spinelli finished in court at 6 p.m. and boarded a flight to Portland at San Francisco International Airport at 8:10 p.m. Thursday in the company of one of Hertzberg's associates.

At the Portland airport, Spinelli was met by Portland authorities, McCaslin said.

Meanwhile, Beighley, who was extradited on a California governor's warrant produced in Fairfield-Suisun Municipal

Court Sept. 11, has been released on bail from Oregon until he must again appear there for further proceedings in the case.

McCaslin noted Friday Spinelli still has one appeal in California pending in First District Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The district attorney said this appeal is to turn back a denial made in Solano Superior Court by visiting Judge S.C. Masterson.

In ruling the denial, Masterson upheld a decision by Fairfield-Suisun Municipal Court Judge Curtis Singleton who ruled evidence taken at the Crazy Horse on a search warrant was admissible in the case.

McCaslin pointed out that Spinelli's last appeal is based on a matter which took place before the governor's warrant was signed.

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