

NOTES FOUND, COURT TOLD

MELBOURNE, Tuesday. -- A cache of notes found in the home of a Melbourne man was thought to be valuable evidence in relation to the Victorian Club robbery, an armed robbery squad detective told the Melbourne City Court today.

Detective-Senior Constable Alexander Adams said he went to the man's home in Kett Street, Nunawading on July 14, looking for a man known as Stanley Ernest James.

He said Mr James was wanted for questioning in connection with the Victorian Club robbery in April this year.

Detective Adams said Mr Daniel Hacking opened the door of his home wearing pyjamas when he went with other police to Kett Street at 10.35pm on July 14.

He said he found large bundles of money in a plastic bag in a set of drawers in a built-in wardrobe. He said Mr Hacking told him he was looking after the money for his brother-in-law, Mr Stan James.

Mr Hacking and his wife were charged with having unlawfully possessed \$11,400 in notes of various denominations reasonably suspected of being stolen, and with having handled the same amount of money, knowing it was stolen, between June 1 and July 14 this year.

Mr Hacking was committed for trial on the second charge. He pleaded not guilty and was allowed bail of \$500 with a similar surety.

The charge of having unlawfully possessed the money was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Charges against Mrs Hacking were dismissed.

Mr Norman Leung Lee, 28, of Kerferd Street, Essendon, appeared in the Melbourne City Court today on a charge involving the robbery of \$1.3 million.

Mr Lee, a dim sim maker, is charged with armed robbery on Mr Norman Paragree, an armed guard, of \$1,387,540, at the Victorian Club in Queen Street on April 21.

Mr Lee is also charged with having received \$124,000 in cash between April 21 and October 5.

Mr Lee was recently granted bail in the Supreme Court.

Mr L. T. Griffin CSM respite his bail today and adjourned the charges to March 24 next year.

