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Five former **guards** at Fort **Chaffee** who have been accused of mistreating Cuban refugees will be **retried** on 14 **assault** charges in Federal court before the end of the year, officials said today.

The **guards**, employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, were found not guilty Oct. 2 on 13 of 27 charges filed against them.

Five former **guards** at Fort **Chaffee** in Fort Smith (Ark) who have been accused of mistreating Cuban refugees will be **retried** in Federal court. A mistrial was declared on the remaining 14 charges after four days of jury deliberations.

United States Attorney Larry McCord of Fort Smith said that the retrial must be held before Dec. 11 to comply with a law that requires a retrial to begin within 70 days of the jury verdict. Federal District Judge Oren Harris has not set a trial date.

Mr. McCord said the decision to **retry** the former **guards** was made by the civil rights division of the Department of Justice. The department contends that Cuban refugees being detained at Fort **Chaffee** pending release to sponsors were systematically and routinely **assaulted** by the immigration officers.

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