

PANTHER SUSPECT FACES \$3,100 BAIL

Dope Possession, Disorderly Conduct Charged

A man described last week by the Police Department's chief of patrol as the local leader of the Black Panthers was ordered held yesterday in \$3,100 bail for grand jury conduct and possessing marihuana.

The alleged panther leader, William Green, 21, of the 4200 block Pimlico road, appeared for a preliminary hearing before Judge Henry W. Stichel, Jr., in Western Municipal Court.

He was arrested early last Thursday by six officers after police had stopped his car to serve two outstanding traffic warrants on him.

A Tactical Squad sergeant
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testified yesterday that he had observed Mr. Green Wednesday night and early Thursday at Douglass High School at the School Board hearing for John O. Hopkins, former community school program head.

Sgt. Francis Elder said that he knew Mr. Green "was wanted" for two traffic tickets, and "not wanting to cause a disturbance, I waited until after the meeting ended at 1.15 A.M." Thursday.

The sergeant said that he and five other officers in two cars followed a vehicle containing Mr. Green and three other persons, who received probation before verdict yesterday on disorderly conduct charges.

Sergeant Elder said that the Green car was pulled over in the 2300 block North Pulaski street and that Mr. Green was ordered out and frisked for a weapon.

Dropped Envelope

As he was being searched, a white envelope containing what later was analyzed by chemists as marihuana dropped from his left hand, the sergeant testified.

Following his arrest Mr. Green was described by Lt. Col. Frank J. Battaglia, the police department's chief of patrol, as the leader of the Black Panther organization in Baltimore.

Given probation before verdict after police testified that they used "loud and abusive language" at the time of Mr. Green's arrest were Warren Hart, 40, of the 4800 block Poe avenue; Miss Joan D. Harmon, 18, of the 3700 block Chesholm road, and Miss Debra A. Gray, 18, of the 600 block North Pulaski street.