

5-YEAR TERMS SUSPENDED

2 Convicted Of Fire-Bomb Plot Freed From Prison

A Criminal Court judge suspended the balance of five-year prison sentences he imposed on two young Black Panthers after they were convicted in March of plotting to fire-bomb a South Baltimore food market.

Both defendants had been incarcerated since their arrests last September on charges of arson and conspiracy in connection with a blaze that caused an estimated \$125,000 damage to the market.

Judge Basil A. Thomas gave no explanation for his action yesterday in placing Kim Hollinsworth, 15, the daughter of a New York public schoolteacher, and Jimmy W. Williams, 21, a former Baltimore police cadet, on probation for five years.

2 Others Freed

At their trial, a jury refused to convict two other defendants, including a youth who had been charged with actually setting the fire early last August 31.

The charges resulted from a blaze at the Supreme Supermarket, in the 600 block Cherry Hill road, which broke out two days after pickets appeared at the store with signs complaining about high prices and the quality of the meat.

While the picketing was going on, according to testimony of the store owner and one of his clerks, the two defendants threatened to "burn you out." During one such encounter, the witnesses said, Williams lit a match while voicing the threat.

The youths, both from New York, were not expected to remain in Baltimore. Neither had any prior criminal record.