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Abstract Roy D. Garner found guilty of blue box fraud in federal court.

Co-conspirator James David Oakley plead guilty. Garner is also one

of four men charged with a card-cheating scheme used to win

\$116,000.

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Reno policeman fights charges

The lawyer for a suspended Reno policeman asked Thursday that charges involving stolen property be dropped.

Daniel Olguin, attorney for James Darnell, claimed two indictments against the nine-year police veteran were faulty.

The indictments returned last year charge Darnell with two counts of receiving stolen property, attempting to possess stolen property and possession of stolen property; embezzlement and grand larceny.

In a hearing before Washoe Dist. Judge Peter Breen, Olguin asked all charges be dropped.

Darnell's actions upon receiving two shotguns and a handgun from an admitted burglar indicated he did not intend to retain possession of the guns, Olguin argued.

Upon returning to the police station, Darnell told another officer that he had what he believed to be stolen guns,

Olguin said.

police evidence locker and used in a situation engineered by Police Chief He said further investigation : James Parker, Olguin said. A man the speakers had come fr charged with burglary of the weapons contacted Darnell to sell them to him, he said.

The man met Earnell at a motel and transferred the guns, with the officer however, Dunlap said and c promising to pay at a later time. The affect the charges. conversation between Darnell and the man was recorded, Olguin said.

The guns were in the custody of the police and not legally stolen at the time, Olguin argued.

He had a similar argument con- hearing was simply to test cerning the second indictment in- dictments through the inform volving some supposedly stolen the transcripts and no loudspeakers.

There was no evidence in the grand jury transcripts which was sufficient to prove the speakers were actually stolen, Olguin said.

The guns had been taken from the admitted a technical difficult the indictment involving the spe burglary of George Dilworth High School and not of a Stea

club as the indictment had indic That was a simple pr

Dunlap successfully pre Olguin from presenting Park other police officers as witne the hearing.

Judge Breen ruled the purpos evidence could be presented.

There is sufficient evidence alleged violations in the transc support the charges, Dunlap ar Breen, following a two-hour h

said he would notify the attor Assistant Dist. Atty. Cal Dunlap his decision within seven days.

Phone use Judges' benefit bill consider CARSON CITY (AP) — Supreme Court eligible for a percentage of pay he go justices and district court judges in Nevada last year in office. jury says would get sweeter retirement benefits under terms of two bills proposed by the Senate Finance Committee Senate Finance Committee Supreme Court justices and coun

man guilty One of the defendants in charges that he used a "blue box" to cheat the phone company on long distance

A jury returned the guilty verdict against Roy D. Garner in U.S. District Court this week.

A "blue box" is an elec-

tronic device which produces signals preventing the phone company equipment from recording charges. Indictments returned late

last year against Garner and James David Oakey alleged such a device had been used by the two in Sparks last year. Oakey, who had earlier pleaded innocent of the

charge, changed his plea to guilty this week. The two will be sentenced April 4, by U.S. District

Judge Bruce Thompson. Garner is one of four men indicted by a Douglas County Grand Jury last

week on charges alleging they worked with a cheating ring that used marked cards to win at least \$116,600. He had earlier been

named in a civil suit filed by Harrah's claiming at least that amount was taken by cheaters at a blackjack game at the Stateline club.

Senate Finance Committee.

The committee Thursday introduced SB 305 which allows a jurist to qualify for the Harrah's cheating case retirement benefits after 10 years service has been found guilty of instead of 12 years on the bench.

> computing benefits to base any pension on present-day salaries of active judges.

A retired judge who turns age 60 is now Lamb, D-Las Vegas.

The second bill, SB 306, would c

district court judges.

That would allow a permaner

capacitated jurist to retire from office four years at a minimum pension. Such jurists would have to be ex The bill also revises the current system of by three physicians to determine de

disability. Both bills were referred back Finance Committee chaired by Sen

Bank heist indictments giver A federal grand jury in Reno Thursday

indicted three men on armed robbery charges in connection with the \$1 million robbery of First National Bank last September. Curtis Ray Michelson, Edward Thomas

Malone and Floyd Clayton Forsberg were charged with taking \$1,044,000 "by force and violence and by intimidation" from the bank in the heart of Reno's casino row. The indictment also charges they put the by a federal judge in Los Angeles.

lives of eight bank employes in danger during the robbery Sept. 27, 1974.

Three men took the cash whi destined for Harrah's casino in coordinated raid about an hour after time as a Shriner's parade marche Virginia Street outside the bank. Police found a van they said the

used in their getaway just six block several hours later. Malone, 49, was convicted Tue being an ex-felon in possession of a

At the time of the heist, the FB was the largest cash haul in U.S. his

Drug case figure won't be charged

the man sheriff's deputies said was with booked for investigation of conspi Charles Glosen the night he was killed, sell a controlled substance and att according to Assistant Dist. Atty. Cal robbery. George H. Banks, 50, of 810 Montello St.,

shot and killed by a narcotics officer later identified as Homer Lee Barnes.

accompanied Glosen to Lemmon Valley, over the subsequent investigation but was not present when he was shot. Washoe County Sheriff's office.

No criminal charges will be filed against Banks was arrested in a nearby !

Dunlap said there was insu evidence to support the charges George H. Banks, 50, of 810 Montello St., criminal complaint will be filed. Ba was arrested Feb. 9 after Glosen had been been free on bail, Dunlap said.

The shooting of Glosen has resul coroner's jury finding that the de: Deputies at the time said Banks had manslaughter and has sparked cont

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