

144-13-210 (8455)

Subject: Mike Cooney, et al;
Eugenia Degenhardt, et al - Victims
Civil Rights

Attorney: Marlin

Victim Eugenia Degenhardt had been having domestic difficulties with her ex-husband. The latter hired a private detective who, after getting two deputy sheriffs to help, conducted a raid on the private house of Eugenia Degenhardt on the night of July 4, 1961. Raid conducted by ex-husband, private detective and his assistant and the two deputy sheriffs. They broke into house, took pictures of victim who was nude and arrested victim and a man, charging them with fornication and contributing to the delinquency of minor children. Latter charged dismissed but both convicted on fornication and fined \$25.00.

Raid conducted without search or arrest warrants. Suggested form of indictment and authorization for grand jury presentment sent to United States Attorney on February 1, 1962. Violation of 18 U.S.C. 242. Note that defendants Horkans and Cooney (private detectives) awaiting trial in Denver on conspiracy to commit burglary.