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Kercheval disturbances and resulting legal actions

The following is a summary of the legal actions following the arrests in the Kercheval area obtained from Sgt. Rojowski of Special Investigation:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Wilbert McClendon James Roberts Clarence Reed	Inciting to riot & resisting officer	Examination has been held. Judge still has to hear arguments and decide whether they shall be bound over for trial.
General Baker Jr. Clanton Dowdall Noble L. Smith Rufus Griffin	Carrying concealed weapon in a motor vehicle	All are held for trial.
Haywood Frierson Theodore Parries Patricia Brown	Possession of explosives	Dismissed on examination.
Dwight Williams John E. Jones	Inciting to riot & disturbing the peace	Charge was reduced to disturbing the peace and the defendants were found "not guilty" by Judge Kaufman.
John Jackson Edward Whitfield Joseph Lockwood	Rioting and disturbing the peace	Held for trial on rioting.
J. B. Whitfield Jerome Evans Russell Marciles	Rioting and disturbing the peace.	Examination scheduled for 10/11/66
Clarence Mock James Copprue Malcolm Fraser Willie Martin	Rioting and disturbing the peace	Examination scheduled for 10/19/66

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Jules Jenkins Ronald Clark Eddie Clark Larry Carmack Edward Martin	Rioting and disturbing the peace	All held for trial for rioting
Raymond Strong Eugene Berry Walter Holmes George Russell Harold Cargill	Inciting to riot and dis- turbing the peace	Charges were reduced to dis- turbing the peace because of the relative youth of the de- fendants, all of whom had clean records. All were subsequently found "not guilty" by Judge Kaufman.
James Roberts Moses Wedlow	Inciting to riot, dis- turbing the peace and possession of explosives	Case was dismissed on examination. The police had wanted to use a juvenile as a witness, but the juvenile's lawyer would not allow his client to testify. Instead, he is testifying in the case below. The judge's decision is being ap- pealed in the hope of bringing Roberts and Wedlow to trial for in- citing to riot and disturbing the peace.
Thomas Abston Alvin Harrison Moses Wedlow James Roberts	Inciting to riot	Exam complete, pending arguments and decision of judge.
Johnnie Morgan	Inciting to riot	Held for trial.

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