

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis

Additional Information Sheet

Location:

arrest of 4 people for cross-dressing at 511 N. Whittier Pl.

Additional Information:

American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri Records (WUA00355) Series 3, Box 10, St. Louis v Goldstein Johnson. File includes notes about various arrests and cases, including:

11/8/1971. On Nov 3, 1971 arrested @ 511 N. Whittier Place: Jerry Brown, Jeffrey Brown, Fred Johnson, Greg Poole for masquerading, loitering, and vagrancy -- pled guilty and sentenced to 20 days in workhouse per charge. Noted that Jerry and Jeffrey had same address.

11/12/1971. Typed notes from ACLU staff "4 men in workhouse - all black. Convicted of Masquerading" "Locked up because they're queer" all pled guilty

11/24/1971 filed by were denied writ -- going to take case to Supreme Court [state MO]

11/29/1971 "Guys get out Dec 5th" "Masquerading a big thing now - 15 in last 6 months"

ACLU phone message 4/12/1972: "All six of homosexuals have been picked up again" Jeffrey Brown's mother called and reported all picked up at same house [511 N. Whittier] April 11, 1972. Names given as Jeffrey Brown, Cordell Sharkey, Kim [blank], Goldstein Johnson, and "2 others"

4/17/1972. plan to tip Post-Dispatch off about court case

ACLU submitted City of St. Louis v Goldstein Johnson to Missouri Supreme Court 5/14/1974 but then in July 1974 Johnson was shot and killed; city petitioned and case ruled moot 8/4/1974

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT CO.

Name of Customer Four homosexuals
Address _____
Name of Individual Roger Godlman and Rich Baron

Date 11-12-71
Handled By FE
Phone No. _____

Re four men in workhouse.

All black. Convicted of Masquerading.

Locked up because they're queer.

Real problem on this one because they pled guilty.

In for 40 days -- 20 for masquerading and 20 for vagrancy

First fellow was in his bathtub when arrested -- had on make-up and wig.

Other three on ~~xxx~~ porch of same house -- one with wig and two with women's coats.

Three in before on same charge.

Pled guilty to go to workhouse instead of jail.

Ordinances bad.

Go for habeus corpus (?) or declaratory judgment.

Marion willing to research it.

Call Baris -- Rich will do - re going ahead with case even tho pled guilty.

Can also check with W olf in New York.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT CO.

Name of Customer _____

Date 11-8-71

Address _____

Handled By FE

Name of Individual MARION EISEN

Phone No. 652-1654

CASE NOS. NOT YET PRINTED

JERRY BROWN - #117439 FOR MASQUERADING
#117448 " LOITERING
#117445 " VAGRANCY

←
SAME
ADDRESS

FRED JOHNSON #117444, 117449, 117446

JEFFREY BROWN - #117440, 117450, 117446. ←

GEO. POOLE - #104088, 104087,

OFFICER DODSON - #5056DSN - 9th District.

MASQUERADING ORD. #788.010 - INNOCENT & LEWD CONDUCT -
... IN A DRESS NOT BELONGING TO HIS OR HER SEX ...

1.00 RNC PENALTY - UP TO \$500 + 90 DAYS.

11-9-71 - ARRESTED NOV. 3RD AT 5911 No. WHITTIER PLACE.

PLED GUILTY TO MASQ. & VAGRANCY - LOITERING DISMISSED.

ALL BLACKS - "DRESSED UP AS WOMEN" ON CHARGE - AT LEAST 2
SAID THEY WERE WEARING NORMAL CLOTHES. TROUSERS.

TWENTY DAYS ON EACH CHARGE -

ROGER GOLDMAN WILL CHECK -

Roger Goldman called:

all six of homosexuals
have been picked up
again.

Jeffrey Brown's mothers
called him and were
picked up yesterday
(4/11) at same house-

Picked up were:

Jeffrey Brown

Cordell Sharkey

Kim

Goldstein Johnson

+ 2 others.

241-2140
1578

Are in Central District
He doesn't know what
happened today and
can't do anything today
(over)

thinks you might like
to call Mendelson or Kaplan.
Call him if you have
any additional questions

JM
11:50 A.M.
4/12/72

send 200 of 2 cent
Appeal ~~for~~ ^{for}
have money

August 5, 1974

Mr. George Henderson
Legal Services of Nashville, Inc.
607 Sudekum Bldg.
Nashville, Tenn. 37219

Dear Mr. Henderson:

As per my conversation with Mr. Woodward, I am enclosing a copy of the City of St. Louis v. Goldstein Johnson brief which was submitted to the Missouri Supreme Court.

This case was argued before the Court on May 14th. From the testimony given and the questions raised by the judges we felt confident that we would win this case. However, about a month ago Goldstein Johnson was shot in the head and subsequently died. Since the court had not ruled, the city petitioned that the case be dismissed because of mootness. As of yesterday the Court ruled the case dismissed.

We are planning to file a declaratory judgment in the lower courts challenging the constitutionality of said ordinance.

If you wish copies of motions filed in the lower courts or additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Armstrong
Executive Director

JLA:mw

Encl.--City of St. Louis v Goldstein Johnson brief.