

Postpone Hearing Of Charge Against Allendale Marshal

Delay Police Court
Proceedings on
Attorney's Request

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The careless driving charge issued against Allendale's police marshal, John Colmly, scheduled to be heard in Ramsey police court last night, was postponed at the request of L. Boll attorney for the Ramsey resident, Walter Ackerson, who preferred the charges. The case was postponed last Wednesday evening at the request of Colmly's counsellors.

Recorder J. Frank Rouault is expected to hand down his decision next Monday night, on the counter-complaint made by Colmly against Ackerson for speeding at 70 miles per hour and heard in the Allendale police court Monday night, Oct. 28.

The two charges involving the police departments of the two neighboring communities, are the aftermath which resulted when the Allendale police car crashed into the rear of Ackerson's car, skidding 61 feet before the point of collision, after a nine-tenths of a mile chase which began at the intersection on the Franklin Turnpike and Crescent Avenue, in Allendale, (four-tenths of a mile from the Ramsey line) and ended at Norman Drive and the Turnpike, Ramsey.

Ackerson pleaded not guilty to the speeding charge before Recorder Rouault, saying that is is impossible to drive at an excessive speed on the Turnpike. His attorney asked for several dismissals of the charge and claimed that the distance, 4/10th of a mile, and the time required to turn the parked police car around in order to follow Ackerson, nullified the charge as it did not meet the requirements as specified by law. Rouault then announced that he "reserved decision."

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