

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION - CRIMINAL CASE

United States v. Conroy, et al. / District of Colorado

This case is a prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 242 for illegal search and entry of a house without legal justification against five named defendants.

The evidence shows that two deputy sheriffs, two private detectives and a Rudolph Egenhardt, all defendants, conducted a raid on July 4, 1961, without search or arrest warrants, on the private house of Eugenia Egenhardt. The background is that Rudolph Egenhardt, who was divorced from Eugenia Egenhardt, hired a private detective to watch his ex-wife. This detective, accompanied by his assistant, two deputy sheriffs and his client, broke into the house and took pictures of Eugenia Egenhardt who was nude. The sheriffs arrested her and a man, charging them with fornication and contributing to the delinquency of minor children. Latter charge dismissed but both convicted of fornication and fined \$25. This conviction appealed.

Indictment returned on February 27. United States Attorney is conducting further investigation before trial. No trial date has been set.