

BOARD MAY CALL PLUM

Police Sergeant Will Probably Be Asked To Explain Accusations.

INVESTIGATION IS PENDING

Witnesses At Recent Ward Trial May Testify Against Him—Acceptance Money Is Charge.

It was stated at police headquarters yesterday that the allegations made against Sergt. Frank J. Plum, of the Northwestern district, during the trial of former Capt. Bernard J. Ward, are still pending.

A number of witnesses summoned by the Police Board have testified that they gave money to Sergeant Plum for police protection. The board, however, hesitates to a great extent to accept this testimony, but is still considering it.

One of the important witnesses against Plum is Marie Colder, 818 McCulloh street, who was indicted by the grand jury in the spring. She testified that Plum came into her house and demanded "protection money" from her. A number of negro women also testified to the Board that Plum had given them protection for money.

Plum has made a stout denial of the charges and says the women were lined up against him because of their close friendship for Ward.

"These women can talk," said Plum, "but I can prove my innocence, if I am brought to trial."

"Why do you think they are against you?" Plum was asked.

"For no other reason than that I raided their houses and closed them up. They are sore on me," was his reply.

Plum was one of the principal witnesses for the Police Board during the trial of Captain Ward.