

Forger Given 7-Year Term In Two Cases

Leopold Karl Grumbach, 35, the "charming forger" who plied his trade on susceptible women bank tellers, meekly pleaded guilty to two forgery cases Thursday and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Grumbach, a dapper, handsome 3-time former convict, was meek as he told Visiting District Judge W. C. Dowdy that he was guilty. Forgotten was the swaggering air he adopted after his arrest last month, when he said all bank tellers were dumb.

The forger, a business-administration graduate of Louisiana State University by his account, is wanted for forgery in Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Asst. Dist. Atty. Clarence Bentley, head of the office's commercial fraud section, said Grumbach was being sent to Austin next.

Grumbach told police after his arrest that he would work like this: Forge the names of legitimate businessmen on spurious checks made out to an imaginary company; deposit these checks in a bank, masquerading as an official of that company; then withdraw some of the money out of the phoney account, saying he "had to meet a payroll."

He pleaded guilty Thursday to two such swindles in Dallas, both on the Texas Bank & Trust Company. One withdrawal was for \$195.92, on Jan. 28, and one for \$289.28, on Jan. 30. Both were from the "account" of the fictitious "Dunham Concrete Company."

Judge Dowdy sentenced him to two 7-year prison terms, to be served at the same time.