

Adoue-Befriended Man Charged Second Time

J. B. Richard, the Negro driver for whom the Mayor of Dallas went to bat against the city police department, was charged with forgery again Tuesday.

It was the second forgery charge filed within a week against the lanky, 40-year-old Negro, a minor celebrity since he got arrested for a traffic violation on Aug. 4.

Police then charged him with failure to obey a traffic officer and being drunk and disorderly in a car.

Mayor J. B. Adoue Jr., who has been sharply critical of the Dallas Police Department came to Richard's aid. He said he had witnessed Richard's arrest and the defendant, a cab driver by day and a GI student by night, had done nothing more than "make his tires scream on the pavement." The arresting officer, J. A. Cordell, gave a different version.

Adoue turned up as Richard's lawyer in Corporation Court. Judge Frank O'Brien disqualified himself as a judge and was roundly censured by City Councilmen opposed to Adoue. A special judge, Harold B. Wright, will hear the case at 9 a.m. Thursday.

A week ago, Richards was charged with forgery of a \$9 check, passed to the proprietor of a fish market. The offense is a felony. At Richard's preliminary hearing in justice court Saturday, Atty. Jimmy Martin said he had been

hired to defend Richard on the forging charge by "a close friend of Mayor Adoue." Richard was freed on \$750 bond.

Tuesday, Asst. Dist. Atty. Clarence Bentley filed the new charge. The offending check was drawn against the Oak Cliff Bank & Trust Company, and bore the signature "Foster Rockwell," and the address, 6830 Meadow Road. It was endorsed "J. B. Richard" on the back. Like the first check, it bore on its face the inscription "For yard work." The first check had been signed "Stanley Draper, 6812 Meadow Road."