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## Medicine Case Plea Is Filed

Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave., a minister in the Church of American Science, pleaded innocent today to charges of practicing medicine without a license.

**SUPERIOR COURT** Judge Fred J. Hyder set trial for Nov. 16. Harry Stewart, attorney for Clark, was granted 20 days to file motions challenging the information.

He indicated he will challenge the case as an invasion of the province of religion, which is protected by the U.S. Constitution.

Stewart said Clark is a minister of the Church of American Science, that he is a practitioner in the church, and is practicing scientology, which he said, is basically the application of mental health.

**STEWART ALSO** said Clark is completely blind in one eye and has no perceptive vision in the other.

Clark was arrested earlier this month after a policewoman and a secretary from the county attorney's office assertedly paid a total of \$55 for treatments. Clark is free on \$1,000 bond.

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## Clark Trial Set Nov. 16

Edd Clark, 56, a minister in the Church of American Science, will go on trial Nov. 16 in superior court on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Clark, 1811 N. First Ave., appeared yesterday before Superior Judge Fred L. Hyder and pleaded innocent to the charge.

He was arrested early this month after a policewoman and a secretary in the office of County Attorney William P. Mahoney Jr., charged they paid him \$55 for treatment of non-existent ailments.

Harry Stewart, attorney for Clark, was granted 20 days in which to file motions attacking the complaint lodged against Clark by Charles C. Stidham, chief deputy criminal court attorney.

Stewart said Clark is both a minister and a practitioner in the Church of American Science. He practices scientology, which is basically the application of mental health, the attorney added.

Stewart said he would attack the complaint on the grounds it is an invasion of the constitutional freedom of religion.