

JURY IS DEADLOCKED IN VOICEPRINT TRIAL

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 16 (AP)—A Westchester County jury today reported itself "hopelessly deadlocked" in its deliberations on part of a trial in which voiceprints were introduced as prosecution evidence.

A mistrial was declared by Judge Robert Dempsy in the trial of George M. Straehle, a suspended New Rochelle policeman charged with perjury.

The voiceprint, which could some day rival the fingerprint as a method of identification, charts the human voice in map-like pictures called spectrographs.

The introduction of the prints in the case was believed to have been the first time such evidence ever was considered in a court of law.

Patrolman Straehle was accused of having lied to a grand jury in denying that he had warned a gambler of an impending police raid.

The voiceprints of six conversations by Patrolman Straehle were submitted, based on an alleged telephone call he made to Peter Rispole, 66, of New Rochelle.

In the same trial, Rispole was convicted of first-degree perjury for his testimony before the same grand jury. He could be sent to jail for five years and fined \$5,000.

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