

Federal Drug Agents Join L.I. Investigation Of Producer's Friends

Federal narcotics agents have joined a Suffolk County investigation of possible drug-related activities at a Southampton, L.I., mansion, where a television actress was allegedly beaten and raped during a party on April 12, the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration said yesterday.

A spokesman for the agency, James Judge, said he knew of no "drug history" involving the mansion's owner, Roy Radin, a producer of vaudeville shows and fund-raising events.

But, Mr. Judge said, the investigators were "looking at some of his associates." He declined to give any details.

Mr. Judge said the investigation was prompted by two events. The first, he said, was the hospitalization on April 12 of an employee of Mr. Radin, Michael DeVinko, for an apparent overdose of Elavil, a prescription antidepressant.

The second was the discovery during a search of the Radin mansion last Monday night of suspicious substances, Mr. Judge said. The agency is awaiting the results of laboratory tests on the substances, he said.

Mr. Radin was arrested after the search and charged with criminal possession of two unlicensed pistols. Mr. Radin later said in a written statement that one of the guns was a reproduction of an antique pistol and that the other had been left by a police officer who had been a guest some time ago.

Mr. Radin's office yesterday referred questions to a lawyer, who did not return a call to his answering service.

Last Sunday morning, after the party at the mansion, 23-year-old Melonie Haller, an actress from California, was found bruised and apparently incoherent on a Long Island Rail Road train and was taken to a hospital. She subsequently alleged that she had been assaulted at the party. According to Mr. Radin's statement, Miss Haller had been drinking and had fallen several times.

Mr. Radin also said that he had not abused Miss Haller and had not supplied her with drugs.