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Judge Rules Film Obscene, DA Seizes It

Massapequa—An allegedly sado-masochistic film called "Ilsa, She-Wolf of the SS" was seized Monday night by the Nassau County district attorney's vice squad at the Bar Harbour Theater.

It was the second movie seized since Denis Dillon became district attorney in January. "Ilsa," reportedly based on the life of a real Nazi SS torturer, was viewed by First District Court Judge Marvin Goodman, who ruled it obscene and then issued the search warrant under which vice squad detectives acted.

A grand jury subpoena for the theater's parent company, Bar Harbour Theater Corp., was served on the manager.

Last April, detectives from Dillon's office following the same procedure, confiscated a film called "Pink Flamingoes." After presentation of the obscenity case to a grand jury, United Artists Eastern Theaters Inc. was indicted on eight counts of obscenity. The charges are still pending.

Dillon's predecessor, William Cahn, raided numerous theaters during his tenure as district attorney, often arresting the manager, projectionist and ticket seller.

When he first took office, Dillon said he would make such raids only on complaints but last April changed his position and decided to monitor some films being shown in the county.

"After going around the county, I feel people would want us to prosecute anything that definitely falls under the criminal statutes," Dillon said last night. "We are not going to be harassing people on things not within the statute, but if a film violates standards of the community we will prosecute."

John Case, head of Dillon's rackets squad, said, "There are definite guideposts in the statute and case law as to what obscenity is. We get what community standards are from the grand jury."