

## Photographed Boys' Perverted Acts, Man Says

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An amateur magician, one of two Eastside men arrested on preliminary charges of sodomy, yesterday told police that he kept records and photographs of perverted acts

of nearly 50 boys ages 9 to 14, Lt. Patrick E. Uberta reported.

Donald L. Strange, 30 years old, owner of the Strange Sign Shop, 4619 East 10th Street, where the boys were photographed, and Robert E. Schmidt, 46, 1349 North

LaSalle Street, were arrested late Wednesday night.

Police learned yesterday that Schmidt was paroled from the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., after serving six years of a 15-to-

20-year term for committing a sex act against a child. He was arrested in 1955. He registered as a parolee in Indianapolis in 1964.

Ages of the youths so far involved, Uberta said, range from 9 to 14 years old. But Uberta added, more than 100 youths may be involved before the investigation is over.

UBERTA SAID so far the

youths involved are pupils at School 62, 940 North Wallace Avenue, and Little Flower parochial school, 1400 North Bosart Avenue.

Pupils from at least two other Eastside schools will probably be involved in the investigation, Uberta said.

Uberta said Strange told him the photography sessions were usually held with one or two boys at a time and sometimes six or seven and had been going on for about six months. He said the films show the

boys performing some unnatural acts and that Strange had daily sex activity with some of the youths over a period of months, Uberta said.

POLICE WERE told by pupils from three schools Wednesday that they were invited into the sign shop to see a magic show and then enticed into the improper acts.

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