2 Men Seized In Enticement Of Youths

Two Eastside men, one an amateur magician, were arrested last night as police investigated reports of unnatural sexual acts involving several boys.

The activities might have been going on for a year, police said, and may involve as many as 50 youngsters from two grade schools and a high school.

Held on charges of sodomy were Donald L. Strange, 30 years old, owner of the Strange Sign Shop, 4619 East 10th Street, and Robert E. Schmidt, 46, 1349 North La Salle Street.

Each was held under $3,500 cash bond pending appearance today in Municipal Court, Room 6.

Armed with arrest and search warrants, police seized Strange about 10:25 p.m. as he returned to his rooms behind the shop.

SEVERAL ROLLS of movie film and photographic equipment were confiscated, according to Detective Sgt. William Kaiser.

Police said the rooms were outfitted with a double bed, a twin bed and a couch covered with bedclothes. They also found several bags labeled "Strange the Magician."

Schmidt was awakened about midnight in his sparsely furnished two-story frame home, where police said they found several rolls of undeveloped 35-mm. camera film.

Police said they also found about 200 color slides of boys

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