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investigator/narcotics agent William Tyrrell were linked to an FBI extortion investigation of Barbour County District Attorney Sam LeMaistre. Slade later said he was "waiting for some information" and would release a statement later in the day. Prior to Monday morning's press conference, while a representative of The Tribune was talking with police department Chief Kenneth Walker, Slade informed the reporter and Walker that he had made the decision to place Dinkins on administrative leave pending further investigation.

SLADE ALSO told the police chief he thinks the city "should get an outside agency--maybe the ABI--to come in" and conduct an internal affairs investigation.

When asked by The Tribune the difference between administrative leave and a suspension, Slade said while under administrative leave a city employee can still receive a paycheck for time lost. Under suspension, no pay is received for time lost. Slade also said Dinkins is presently on annual leave (vacation), and the ad-

ministrative leave will become effective "when he uses up his own leave time."

Tyrrell's resignation was given to Walker Thursday, Nov. 29, the police chief said. "It basically said that in his best interest he was resigning his position with the Eufaula Police Department effective at the end of the work day," Walker commented.

Slade said he had read transcripts from LeMaistre's hearing on Friday, where the two officers were implicated in alleged extortion activities. "All

I've read are the newspaper accounts and the transcripts, none of which has given us any legal cause to take any action" other than placing Dinkins on administrative leave, he continued. Slade said he understands Tyrrell "has gone to New York and will be brought back by the FBI for the grand jury hearing."

WALKER expressed anger and disappointment over the situation. "I am aggravated and mad. I am disappointed and ashamed of this situation," he said. "Never in my life would I have ever dreamed something

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