

# Mystery: Me! ★ Garrison Theory

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1967, The Dallas Times Herald  
Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim  
on's mysterious "code"  
he claims tied in Clay  
with Lee Harvey Oswald  
Jack Ruby in an assassina-  
conspiracy may not be so

dent, very much a real person, although Jim Garrison strongly implied he didn't really exist, in an interview Tuesday did considerable damage to the latest assassination conspiracy theories of the New Orleans District attorney.

Lee Odom said in an exclusive interview with The Times-Herald that he had given a P. O. Box 19106 in Dallas, Texas, in Shaw's address book had no unusual connections, although Garrison claims it does. Shaw is the New Orleans businessman Garrison has charged with conspiring with Oswald and others to assassinate President Kennedy.

Odom explains that he was only trying to promote a bullfight and Shaw was suggested in 1966 as a "good man to see about finding a place for my bullfight."

And that's why the P.O. Box 19106 and Odom's name were in Shaw's address book, Odom said. Using a complex decoding system, Garrison claimed this notion actually worked out into Shaw's unlisted Dallas phone number. The same number — 296-1024 — was also found in Os-

couldn't explain how the same number was in Oswald's notebook.

There had been a strong inference from Garrison that Odom did not exist.

"As I said, I gave it to him," Odom said of the notation in Shaw's book. "That was my post office box at the time—19106. I rented it—or my wife rented it—for me—in the summer of 1966."

"I asked the manager of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans about who would be a good man to see about finding a place for my bullfight," Odom said Tuesday. "He suggested Mr. Shaw, so I called him—or the manager called him, I don't remember exactly.

"He (Shaw) came over to the hotel, as I recall, and we talked for 15 or 20 minutes. He gave me his business card—I'll bet I still have it around here somewhere—and I gave him my address in Dallas. The bullfight didn't come off and we never communicated again. That's all there was to it."

The box, located in the Medical Center postal substation at Knight and Maple, was rented

the Post Office Department verified this.)

"I used this address — Box 19106 — for both the cue and the promotion business," he said.

The box was kept until October or November, as Odom recalls it. "We have another box out here at the post office."

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