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# Probe Figure Is Sentenced

## John 'The Baptist' Cancler Gets 6 Months For Contempt Of Court

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — John "The Baptist" Cancler is feeling the full sting of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's counterattack against some critics of his Kennedy assassination probe.

Cancler, a convicted burglar, drew a stiff contempt of court penalty Wednesday for refusing to answer a question posed by the Orleans Parish grand jury about his statements on television last June 19.

In other developments:

—A criminal district court judge in New Orleans refused to issue an injunction which would have forbidden Garrison to appear on national television Saturday to defend his probe.

—In Washington, Walter J. Sheridan, an investigative reporter for the National Broadcasting Co., said he will soon return to New Orleans to face Garrison's charge of trying to bribe a witness.

It was Sheridan who arranged for an on-camera interview in which Cancler said one of Garrison's investigators tried to get him to plant some evidence in the home of Clay L. Shaw.

Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired New Orleans businessman, is charged with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Cancler's story was one of several which NBC used in an hour-long critical examination of Garrison's case against Clay Shaw.

used to answer on the ground of possible self incrimination.

Judge Bagert convicted Cancler of contempt and imposed punishment of a \$500 fine and six months in jail. If the fine is not paid, a year will be added to the jail sentence, the judge said.

The grand jury also recalled former Garrison chief investigator William Gurvich and questioned him 2½ hours. Gurvich, 42, a private investigator, broke with Garrison and now says the probe is all theory and little evidence.

"Garrison was in there during the early part until he chickened—until he left," said Gurvich.

The Saturday night television show is a half hour given to the June 19 program. The futile legal effort to block the program or at least black it out in the New Orleans area, was filed by Shaw's defense lawyers.

F. Irving Dymond argued that the program would violate court guidelines on the conduct of private roof and filed into the case. He also said it Criminal Dist. Judge Bernard Bagert's courtroom.

After Judge Bagert hastily convened the court, jury foreman A. V. Labiche repeated the question to Cancler, who again

already had given clear notice that persons violating the guidelines do so at their own peril. "I cannot in advance anticipate or suspect that a violation will occur," he said. "A remedy yet available to the counsel for the defense, to be filed at their discretion, is a motion for a change of venue."

The guidelines forbade any person connected with the case to make any public statements, outside the court, as to guilt, innocence or evidence.

Sheridan, accused of trying to bribe a Garrison witness to change his story, said he won't dodge arrest because the charge against him "involves a basic principle of freedom of the press."

Another TV newsman, Richard Townley of WDSU-TV in New Orleans, an NBC affiliate, surrendered Tuesday on the same charge. He was free under \$7,500 bond.

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