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Jeff Attorney Granted Quash Motion Hearing

Indictment Doesn't Conform with Code, View

Dean Andrews, Jefferson Parish attorney indicted for perjury in testimony concerning an alleged presidential assassination conspiracy, was granted a hearing on a motion to quash the indictment Thursday.

Andrews' attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, filed the motion with Criminal District Judge Frank Shea, who is scheduled to hear the perjury case. Zelden's motion says that the indictment, returned by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on March 16, does not conform with the new Code of Criminal Procedure. The hearing for the motion was set for April 7.

In another development in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the alleged conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, Gordon Novel, described by Garrison's office as an important material witness, was reported to be in Montreal, Canada Thursday.

The States-Item attributed the information to a "responsible source," who also said that preparations for Novel's return to New Orleans were under way.

This could not be confirmed with Canadian authorities, and Garrison offered a succinct "no comment" when questioned as he left the Criminal Courts Building Thursday afternoon.

Novel reportedly left New Orleans March 19 while under subpoena to testify before the grand jury about the conspiracy probe. He has since been reported to be in Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., Washington, D.C., and McLean, Va.

The district attorney's office swore out a capias (arrest warrant) for Novel on March 23 on the ground that he was an important material witness in Garrison's probe. Official efforts to find him have failed.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., scheduled to hear the Shaw case, denied a motion Wednesday to have the warrant invalidated.

Steven R. Plotkin, Novel's attorney, said Thursday that a writ to reverse the ruling will be filed before the state Supreme Court before 4 p. m. Friday.

Zelden also obtained permission for Andrews to leave the jurisdiction of the court to attend to business with the United States Supreme Court in Washington. This motion said Andrews would leave Thursday afternoon and return Friday afternoon.

Andrews was indicted after his second appearance before the grand jury, and subsequently suspended as an assistant district attorney for Jefferson Parish.

The motion to quash his indictment said that it does not comply with Article 465 of the new code.

Andrews had told the Warren Commission that a Clay Bertrand asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald after Kennedy was assassinated. Garrison has officially listed "Clay Bertrand" as an alias of Clay Shaw, the only person indicted thus far in connection with the alleged conspiracy.

Andrews said he saw Bertrand on two occasions but does not know whether Bertrand and Shaw are the same person.

Probe Extends to Ventura, Calif.

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—New Orleans District Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy has reached into a Ventura County beach community.

A telegram to Ventura police from Louis A. Heyd, criminal sheriff of Orleans Parish, requested interrogation of two

Merpont Bay residents concerning the whereabouts of Gordon Novel. Novel, a former New Orleans bar owner, is sought by Garrison as a material witness.

Police went to the beach community and questioned James W. Siebert, 25, and Linda Miller, 23. APPROX 1/1/11

Siebert, an artist, reportedly told police he had never met Novel and had no knowledge of him.

Miss Miller, an unemployed entertainer, told officers she had met Novel last January while she was employed in the New Orleans Playboy Club.

Detectives said she told them

that earlier this month she called Novel in New Orleans to ask about a friend.

During her conversation with Novel, Miss Miller said, she was asked if she knew a girl who had worked at Jack Ruby's nightclub in Texas. She told Novel she had not heard of the girl.

Officers said Miss Miller told them that she got the impression that police or FBI agents were in Novel's apartment while he was talking to her on the telephone.

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