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New Witness, 2 Reporters Get Grand Jury Call

Two newsmen and a third new witness were called to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury today, apparently in connection with the probe of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Subpenaed to appear this morning were reporters Richard Townley of WDSU-TV and Bill Elder of WWL-TV. Both have been involved in covering the Kennedy probe in recent weeks.

The third witness was Ranny Ehlinger, 28, 103 Homestead ave., Metairie, who appeared with Steve Plotkin, an attorney for Gordon Novel, the missing witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy death.

Plotkin said he did not know why Ehlinger was called, but said the latter knew Novel, whose extradition from Ohio is being sought by the DA's office.

EHLINGER WENT before the jury at 11:30 a. m. and emerged at 11:50. The two newsmen appeared on schedule, were called in before noon.

There was no indication why the newsmen were subpenaed.

Ehlinger, a good-looking young man dressed in an olive green suit and black tie, would not say what his connection with the case was beyond the fact that he had known Novel for some time.

HE STRESSED that he was appearing voluntarily at the request of the DA's office, and was not under subpoena.

Plotkin and Jerry Weiner, Novel's Columbus, Ohio, attorney, scheduled a meeting with newsmen this afternoon. They said it was not a news conference but "we're just accommodating members of the press."

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