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ORDER N.O. RETURN OF RUSSO'S EX-GIRL

Sandra Moffell McMaines was ordered returned to New Orleans today to tell grand jurors what she knows about an alleged plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Judge Bernard J. Bagert signed a certificate of attendance, asking Nebraska courts to compel the former New Orleans party girl to appear here April 18, 19 and 20.

The judge's order noted that Mrs. McMaines, who lives now in Omaha, has admitted knowing Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's star witness, Perry Raymond Russo of Baton Rouge.

She was arrested earlier on a material witness warrant issued by Garrison's office and is free under bond. Mrs. McMaines, who told newsmen she was once in love with Russo, has said she would return to testify "because I don't have anything to hide."

HOWEVER, SHE DENIED ATTENDING A PARTY IN

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1961 when Russo claims Kennedy's death was plotted by retired businessman Clay L. Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie, a New Orleans pilot.

Court attaches here said Judge Bagert's order made Mrs. McMaines' return to New Orleans virtually automatic. Both Louisiana and Nebraska have adopted a uniform code which compels material witnesses to appear before competent courts and other legal bodies.

The certificate of attendance guarantees the woman against arrest in Louisiana or other states through which she may travel. A check for \$246 was ordered drawn to pay her travel and lodging expenses.

In another development today, arraignment proceedings for Layton Patrick Martens were set for Friday by Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp. Martens was charged with lying before the grand jury about the mysterious burglary of a Houma munitions bunker in 1961.

JUDGE SCHULINGKAMP SAID HE WOULD NOT follow the precedent of Judge Edward A. Haggerty and establish formal guidelines of conduct in Martens' case.

"I am willing to rely on the word of counsel that they won't make any extrajudicial pronouncements on the matter of guilt or innocence, or other part of the case," the jurist said.

MILTON BRENER, attorney for Martens, said he will plead his client not guilty and ask for 30 days to file special pleadings.

Martens, a former roommate of Ferrie, testified before the grand jury, which later indicted him for perjury. He has denied making any false statements.

Earlier, Gordon Novel, another witness in the case, asserted he was "nowhere near" a Houma munitions bunker he is charged with burglarizing in 1961.

Novel, in Columbus, Ohio, told this to the States-Item by telephone yesterday.

This morning William Gurvich, chief investigator for Garrison, denounced Novel's latest statement and said it contradicted Novel's own earlier remarks.

"MR. NOVEL'S pattern is a very strange one. According to the local newspapers his comments to them have been very conflicting.

"First he said the district attorney probably wanted to talk to him about Sergio Arcacha Smith.

"Second, Mr. Arcacha denied ever hearing of Novel.

"Third, Novel stated to the press that the burglary at Houma was a 'patriotic' one.

"FOURTH, HE wants to return to Louisiana with a guarantee of immunity from prosecution, to which the grand jury and the district attorney have replied 'impossible.'

"Fifth, the latest story given to the press is that he now has witnesses who will testify he was nowhere near the bunker that was burglarized.

"In his press releases, Novel refers only to the Orleans Parish charges and makes no reference to the Terrebonne Parish charge."

NOVEL FACES Orleans Parish charges of conspiracy to commit burglary, and Terrebonne charges of simple burglary of the munitions bunker.

The DA's office, however, primarily wants him as a witness in the Kennedy probe. His exact connection with this investigation has never been disclosed.

FROM COLUMBUS, where he is fighting extradition, the 29-year-old former New Orleans tavern owner told the States-Item:

"I have numerous witnesses who will testify I was nowhere near that bunker on the dates Garrison claims I burglarized it."

The DA's office here has accused Novel of conspiring with erstwhile anti-Castro leader Sergio Vincente Arcacha Smith of Dallas to steal munitions from the Schlumberger Wells Service depot.

Houma Dist. Atty. Willmore Broussard has charged Novel and the 44-year-old Arcacha with participating in the actual burglary of the bunker which was broken open and raided in August, 1961.

BOTH WERE arrested on Garrison's earlier charge. Novel in a Columbus suburb and Arcacha at Dallas. Novel is free on \$10,000 bail, Arcacha on \$1,500 bond.

Novel telephoned a States-Item reporter 24 hours after the Orleans Parish Grand Jury rejected his offer to return voluntarily. Novel wanted protection from Garrison's charges and the right to return to Ohio after testifying.

"Conditions impossible," Grand Jury foreman Albert V. LaBiche wired him in reply.

IN HIS LATEST interview, Novel hinted that "things may begin to break" Wednesday. Asked what he meant, the sometime electronics expert replied:

"I can't say now because of our timing. However, you can look for things to happen Wednesday which will make the picture clearer."

Novel said he has "many tape recordings" in his possession which the fugitive witness contends will "prove to be very interesting."

The National Broadcasting Co. has one of the tapes, he said, adding:

"Whenever they decide to use it, Garrison is going down the drain."