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## New Witness Is Summoned In Plot Probe

A new figure in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation was scheduled to appear for questioning at the DA's office today.

He is Juan M. Valdes, a self-described Latin playwright who figured in one of the city's more sensational murders. A subpoena was issued for him yesterday.

Valdes in the summer of 1964 discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Stults Sherman, a women physician who occupied the same St. Charles ave. apartment building where the summoned witness lives.

HE WAS investigating smoke coming from the Sherman apartment when he stumbled onto the body. Dr. Sherman's killer, who has never been found, tried to burn the body.

Garrison would not comment on what questions will be asked Valdes.

Another Latin, 30-year-old Carlos Quiroga, spent two hours and ten minutes before the grand jury yesterday and emerged without comment.

QUIROGA, a Cuban exile, was once a close friend and associate of a fugitive witness from the Garrison inquiry, 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith.

Arcacha was a leader of a militant anti-Castro organization here. He is currently fighting extradition attempts in Dallas. Garrison wants him both as a witness and as a defendant in a burglary conspiracy case.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER fugitive witness, 29-year-old Gordon Novel, has sued Garrison and Truth and Consequences in what could amount to a \$50 million damage action.

The U.S. District Court suit asks \$10 million from Garrison and \$1 million from each member of the private organization which is funding the DA's investigation.

Novel charged in the suit that Garrison had injured his reputation for "honesty, honor and probity."

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