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## Sheridan Takes Appeal to La. Supreme Court

Attorneys for television newsman Walter Sheridan have asked the State Supreme Court to block their client's appearance today before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

The appeal to the high court was made early last night after the National Broadcasting Co. reporter lost a lower court round in his legal fight to stay away from Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert overruled a motion by Sheridan to quash a grand jury subpoena.

**THE SUPREME COURT** must act before 2 p. m. today if Sheridan is to escape testimony. Judge Bagert stayed his subpoena until noon, and Grand Jury foreman Albert V. LaBiche called a jury meeting for 2 p. m.

Sheridan, a former Senate Rackets Committee investigator and onetime Justice Department official under then Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, was arraigned in Judge Thomas Brahney's court yesterday on charges of public bribery.

Garrison has accused the NBC news department employe of attempting to bribe key assassination case witness Perry R. Russo of Baton Rouge.

Russo testified that he overheard 54-year-old Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans participate in plotting the murder of President John F. Kennedy. Shaw is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial on conspiracy charges.

Sheridan entered a plea of innocence yesterday. He is free on \$5,000 bond. Judge Brahney gave his attorneys 30 days to file special pleadings.

**THE CHARGES AGAINST** Sheridan grew out of a June 19 NBC program which charged that Garrison's case

against Shaw is based in part on perjured testimony. The program said Russo failed a lie detector test before he went on the stand during a preliminary hearing.

Sheridan was subpoenaed by the grand jury when he appeared here last week to answer the public bribery charges. His lawyers have charged the subpoena constitutes harassment.

In three other rulings yesterday, Judge Bagert tossed out a Sheridan plea to have Garrison removed as legal adviser to the grand jury; refused to permit Sheridan's attorney to accompany him into the jury room, and said the foreman is not compelled to announced in advance what questions will be asked.

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