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Writer Blames 'Witch' in Probe

A free lance magazine writer from Tampa who served in the Marine Corps with Lee Harvey Oswald believes a New Orleans woman who practices witchcraft caused him to be subpoenaed by District Attorney James Garrison.

"It came from Barbara Reed who believes she saw me with Oswald in the Bourbon House in New Orleans," Kerry W. Thornley said following Garrison's action.

The New Orleans prosecutor charged in New Orleans that Thornley "failed to tell the whole truth" when he testified before the Warren Commission.

ACCORDING to Garrison, Thornley told the commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy he never saw Oswald after they left the Marine Corps.

The district attorney claims, however, the two were "closely associated" in New Orleans during September of 1963.

THORNLEY said they were both in New Orleans at that time and visited the same bar, but "I may have passed him and not recognized him and as far as I know he never saw me."

The 29-year-old writer said he was called to testify before the Warren Commission because he had once written a novel about an American defecting to Russia and it was based on Oswald.

The book never was published.

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