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# Thornley To Fight N.O. Return

A former Marine who District Attorney Jim Garrison says was a "consistent companion of Lee Harvey Oswald during the latter's stay in New Orleans" said today he will fight extradition to New Orleans to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in February.

Kerry Wendell Thornley, of Tampa, Fla., subpoenaed yesterday by Garrison to appear Feb. 8-9, told newsmen at Tampa that he was contacted by Garrison a couple of months ago and would have come here then "but on my own terms."

He said he had the deal for the right because Garrison requested that he appear here under a different name.

GARRISON'S subpoena for Thornley was the fifth issued with his probe of the Kennedy assassination.

Garrison's request for the subpoena of Thornley said Thornley was questioned by the Warren Commission "for 23 pages" concerning his Marine Corps life with Oswald.

Garrison said Thornley told an interviewer from the commission that he never saw Oswald after their duty with the Marines.

However, Garrison said he had information that Thornley was one of Oswald's "more consistent companions" in New Orleans prior to Oswald's departure from New Orleans in late September, 1963.

Garrison added that "the frequency" of Oswald's contacts with Thornley here indicated the latter might have specific information about other associations Oswald had in 1963.

GARRISON'S subpoena asks that Thornley be granted immunity from arrest for any past offenses during his stay in New Orleans, and also asks authorization to pay Thornley \$148 to cover his expenses in coming to New Orleans.

Thornley told newsmen that he knew Oswald about three months when both were stationed at El Toro, Calif., with Marine Air Patrol Squadron No. 9.

But, he said, the friendship ended when they had a short argument one day over a parade starting time.

Thornley said Oswald at that time was the target constantly of his political and religious beliefs.

"Everybody in the outfit put him down as a Communist and an atheist," Thornley said of Oswald.

THORNLEY, 29, who calls himself a freelance writer, said he wrote an unpublished book prior to the assassination of President Kennedy titled "The Warrens," in which he mentioned Oswald as one of a number of disenchanted military men who had fled the U.S.

He said Oswald might have been considered his best buddy, "but I don't think Oswald had any close friends in the service."

Thornley said he worked as a waiter while living in New Orleans in 1963. In an interview here Nov. 27, 1963, Thornley described Oswald as "sort of a poor soul."

Meantime, 29-year-old Negro, Vernon W. Bundy, one of the state's major witnesses in the hearing in which three judges ruled that retired businessman Clay Shaw should be

held over for trial on a charge of conspiring to kill President Kennedy, yesterday was charged with armed robbery and theft.

JUDGE FRANK J. Shea, committing magistrate, set Bundy's bond at \$50.00 in the robbery case, and \$750 in the theft case.

Bundy was booked for the armed robbery of Harry Alexander, a 70-year-old Negro of

728 N. Prieur, on Christmas Eve.

He also was booked with theft of \$25 from Elaine Leary, Negro, 32, at her residence at 2226 Dumaine on Christmas morning.

work related to The Rivergate would be "several million dollars." The expressway would continue at ground level the 250 feet to Bienville and likewise pass the Jackson Square between the existing concrete levee wall and the railroad tracks, which would be moved riverward. A coffer dam structure would be extended toward the water.

Traffic would move downtown by proceeding under Canal street, Stevenson said, and thereafter would pass through an "open cut"—a roadway with retaining walls but no roof.

Uptown, traffic would pass under Poydras — after which an open-cut section would start — until ground level is reached just upstream from Lafayette. Stevenson said 18 to 24 months would be a reasonable time for completion of a project of this nature.

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