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'Lied About DA' --Shaw Case Figure Quoted

The district attorney's office has released an affidavit attributed to a Slidell man in which he claims he was lying when he said on a national television broadcast that he had been bribed by the district attorney's office.

The man, Fred H. Leemans Sr., appeared on the National Broadcasting Co. telecast "The JFK Conspiracy: The Case of Jim Garrison" in June, 1967.

ACCORDING TO the affidavit, Leemans claims he lied when he told viewers that "a member of Jim Garrison's staff, one Robert E. Lee, had offered me \$2,500 for testimony to the effect that Clay Shaw used my turkish bath and that on those occasions he used the name Clay Bertrand.

"I further related how Mr. Garrison's office attempted to get me to identify a young white male, who accompanied Shaw to the baths, as Lee Harvey Oswald.

"I NOW STATE freely and voluntarily and without any promises of reward of immunity that the statements I made on the NBC program relative to Garrison's office offering me a bribe for testimony favorable to their case was a lie."

The affidavit says Leemans' motive for saying he lied is "to clear the name of Robert E. Lee, former assistant district attorney, and the office of Jim Garrison from the false accusations that I made."

The statement gives several reasons why Leeman's allegedly lied on NBC.

IT CLAIMS Leeman's received numerous anonymous threatening phone calls about information he had given Garrison, warning him to change his statement and say that he was bribed by Garrison.

The affidavit also says Leemans was visited by a man with a badge who said he was a government agent. The man allegedly warned Leemans not to get involved in the Clay Shaw case and said "that a lot of people that had been got hurt ..."

ONE ANONYMOUS caller suggested Leemans contact Shaw's attorney, Irvin F. Dymond, the affidavit says. After consulting with Dymond, Leemans was introduced to Walter Sheridan, investigative reporter for NBC, who suggested that Leemans appear on the show he was preparing.

"My actual appearance on the show was taped in the office of Aaron Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, in the presence of Walter Sheridan and Irvin Dymond," Leemans concludes his affidavit.

Kohn today acknowledged he let Sheridan use his office to interview Leemans on May 30, 1967. However, he denied Dymond was present during the interview.

Kohn said the only persons present at the interview were Sheridan, Leemans, an NBC cameraman and an NBC producer named Fred Freed. Kohn himself did not sit in on the interview, he said.

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