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# Answer DA's Subpenas Here

# TWO QUIZZED IN JFK PROBE

*Raymond Russo*  
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Aides to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today quizzed two persons who appeared in obedience to subpoenas in connection with the probe of circumstances surrounding the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Questioned were Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, and James R. Lewallen, 38, 4406 Paris ave.

Lewallen appeared about 11 a. m. with his attorney, George Piazza II, and was questioned for more than a half hour. Piazza revealed that Lewallen was a roommate of David William Ferrie several years ago in Kenner.

Ferrie, who was found dead Feb. 22 has been called a key figure in the probe by Garrison, who says he is investigating a New Orleans-based plot to kill the President.

GARRISON HIMSELF WAS REPORTED ILL today, but the probe was handled by his aides.

Shaw appeared about noon and was still huddling with the investigators two hours later.

Also questioned today was Perry Raymond Russo, 25,



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of Baton Rouge. He had said previously that while he was a student at Loyola University, Ferrie had talked with him in relation to the late President. Russo did not come forward until after Ferrie died.

He appeared with a young girl and spent a half-hour in the DA's office. Asked what was said, he said, "I cannot comment on that."

Lewallen was subpoenaed yesterday. Shaw's subpoena was filed today by Criminal District Judge Matthew F. Braniff.

The subpoena called for Shaw, 54, of 1313 Dauphine, to appear at 1 p. m. There was no explanation of why Shaw was subpoenaed. His name had not previously been linked with the case.

LEWALLEN, WHO HAD BEEN subpoenaed for 11 a. m., arrived on schedule and he and Piazza were ushered into Garrison's private office.

On the way in, Lewallen was asked if he knew why

he had been subpoenaed. He said, "No."

Shortly thereafter, Piazza came out and talked to newsmen. He said:

"Like many other people in New Orleans, James Lewallen knew Dave Ferrie."

Piazza said this is the second time Lewallen has appeared in the DA's office for questioning. He said his client was questioned "about the same time the story broke in the newspapers" and at that time he "answered all the questions that were asked."

He said the previous session was "very pleasant."

Piazza said all the earlier questioning revolved around Lewallen's acquaintance with Ferrie, but added that his client "has no special knowledge, no more than any other person who knew Ferrie."

Piazza said the subpoena "came as a great surprise."

Asked whether Lewallen had any connection with the assassination, Piazza said:

He has no knowledge concerning anything to do with

the assassination."

He stressed that at one time Ferrie was highly esteemed and it was then that Lewallen had roomed with him. He said the public "should not hold people guilty by association." *James*

ASKED IF Lewallen had been questioned by the Warren Commission, he replied, "Not that I know of."

Piazza said both he and Ferrie were licensed pilots. He said Ferrie and Lewallen had not worked for an airline together.

Ferrie, who was found dead here Feb. 22, has been de-

figure in the assassination plot probe.

LEWALLEN, WHO is single, is a former Air Force pilot and works for the Boeing Co. *Jim*

Personnel records at Boeing's Michoud office reveal that James Ronald Lewallen, 38, is an inspector in the quality and reliability division of Boeing.

He has been with Boeing since 1964 and has worked at the Michoud plant except for the past 60 days, when he has been on loan to the Mississippi Test Facility in Hancock County, Miss.

OFFICIALS SAID Lewallen had a security clearance for confidential work.

His role at the MTF was to check out ground support equipment for the test firing of the Saturn V booster tentatively scheduled for Friday.

Lewallen called his car pool this morning and said he wasn't coming to work today.

The records show Lewallen was born in 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio.

A SUPERVISOR SAID he is a member of the Air National Guard. He said Lewallen has "a relatively good background in aircraft repair," and was almost certain that this experience was gained at the Lakefront Airport here.

Ferrie also was a pilot and operated a flying service at the Lakefront Airport. He and Oswald were known to have been in the Civil Air Patrol here, but there is no evidence that they knew each other in this connection.

The Boeing supervisor said Lewallen is an exceptionally quiet, mild-mannered individual, is amiable and easy to get along with. He said Lewallen is a competent employe.

Lewallen is known as "Jim" to his fellow employes, the supervisor said.

Shaw, a native of Kentwood, came to New Orleans at the age of five. For a while, he lived in New York City, where he was engaged in advertising and public relations work.

During World War II Shaw served in the U.S. Army in Europe, rising to the rank of major. He received the Croix De Guerre of France and the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star from the United States.

He returned to New Orleans in 1946 and became managing director of the ITM.

He resigned in August, 1965, saying the erection of the new trade mart building had ful-

The States-Item also learned today that a Parish Prison inmate who says he knew David William Ferrie in Chicago was questioned extensively last night by the DA's investigators.

Upon his return to the prison, he was placed in the hospital tier instead of being returned to his regular cell. This is normally done for protection.

At a press conference yesterday in New York, the nominee for attorney general, Ramsey Clark, commented briefly on the Garrison probe.

He described the Warren Commission's inquiry into the

assassination as the "most comprehensive investigation of a series of fact ever made" and said its findings "are supported by overwhelming evidence."

HE SAID HE doubted that Garrison had turned up any new evidence of a conspiracy and said he found it difficult to see how anyone with hard evidence would fail to bring it to experienced federal authorities.

Lewallen was served with his subpoena at 7:10 last night in the parking lot of Troop B of the state police. Earlier, he had been reported away

from his home and out of reach.

Criminal District Judge Bernard Bagert, who signed the subpoena, said Lewallen had refused to take a lie detector test.

THE SUBPENA was issued under a new state law which went into effect Jan. 1. It permits the DA's office to issue binding subpoenas with the consent of a district judge.

Previously, the DA issued subpoenas at will, but they had little legal standing. Subpoenas, when signed by a judge, can result in

tempt citation if disobeyed. Judge Baggett said the subpoena for Lewallen was the first ever issued under the new state law. It was authorized by a change in the Louisiana Criminal Code adopted by the Legislature last year.

### New Code Provides DA Subpena Power

The new Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, which went into effect Jan. 1, allows district attorneys to subpoena persons for questioning.

Article 66, Title of Subpena of witness to appear before district attorney, provides:

"Upon written motion of the district attorney setting forth reasonable grounds therefor, the court may order the clerk to issue subpoenas directed to the persons named in the motion, ordering them to appear at a time and place designated in the order, for questioning by the district attorney concerning any offense under investigation by him. The court may also order the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

"The contumacious failure or refusal of the person subpoenaed to appear is punishable as a contempt of court.

"The district attorney may determine who shall be present during the examination, and may order all persons excluded except counsel for the person subpoenaed."

The effect of the law is to give the district attorney legal power to order persons to appear in his office as witnesses. Prior to this law, there was a common practice of issuing "d.a. notices," a printed form "ordering" the attendance of a witness at the district attorney's office, but enforceable only through the threat of other action, such as a grand jury subpoena.

In the comments to Article 66, the code explains that the former practice of the district attorney's bringing alleged criminals into an open court hearing "is no longer sanctioned."

The notes go on to explain that whatever was accomplished by this open hearing can be better done in a private questioning in the district attorney's office, where the witness is given the right to counsel.



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JAMES LEWALLEN