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### Killam Investigation

# Harper to Talk With Garrison



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County Solicitor Carl Harper said early today he will attempt to talk with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in his re-opened investigation of a 1964 death here which the dead man's brother says might be connected with an assassination plot against President John F. Kennedy.

Harper said he wants to talk with Garrison, who is conducting investigation of a possible assassination plot in New Orleans, to determine if a trip the DA made to Tampa has a possible tie-in with the death here.

The new investigation is into the death of Thomas Henry Killam, found dead here in 1964. His brother, Earl Killam, asked the new probe to coincide with an investigation by Garrison now occurring in New Orleans of the Kennedy assassination. Killam has requested the body be exhumed to ascertain the exact cause of death.

Harper said he will try to talk with Garrison about a trip the district attorney made to Tampa. Killam worked in Tampa before returning to his death in Pensacola, and Harper said he wants to talk with Garrison, "to see if there's anything here of value to him, in his judgment."

Harper said also that he does not know how long an investigation into the death will take, saying that "we just started yesterday. We've really got nothing so far except that we've talked with his brother."

He said also that he will begin checking city police records of Killam's death today. "The place to start is at the beginning," he said. "I'm going to Chief (D. P.) Caldwell and get their records. Then if there's anything there to justify going

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further I will, and if there's not, I won't."

The solicitor said attempts have already been made to talk with Federal Bureau of Investigation officials, and that he will try again today. "They've probably got a file on him from the day he (Killam) was born," Harper said, "with information on his background."

He said the length of time required for investigation will probably depend "on how far the city and federal government have gone with it."

Killam died here on March 17, 1964, after telling his brother that, "I'm a dead man. I've run as far as I'm going to run."

Wanda Killam, the dead man's widow, said Wednesday in Dallas that her husband had been questioned several times about the assassination by federal agents. She said she favored an investigation of Killam's death, and maintained that, "no, Hank wouldn't do that," of a ruling of probable suicide placed on her husband's death by city police.

Killam was found in the early morning hours of March 19, 1964, outside a smashed downtown store window with his throat cut. He died before he could be hospitalized.

Police reports theorized due to blood spots found about four feet inside the store that, "the expired jumped through the window and then crawled back to the sidewalk."

While police called the death a probable suicide, County Medical Examiner Dr. A. H. Northup ruled the death accidental and the dead man's brother asked, "Did you ever hear of a man committing suicide by jumping through a plate glass window?"

Mrs. Killam, who worked in a night club owned by Jack Ruby in Dallas, said her husband was employed briefly in Dallas as a house painter by a man named Jack Carter, who Earl Killam said once roomed in the same boarding house with Lee Harvey Oswald.