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All Knew Killam**Harper Questions 10 Persons**

County Solicitor Carl Harper said he questioned 10 persons Sunday in an effort to pinpoint circumstances of a death which may have been linked to President Kennedy's 1963 assassination.

The prosecutor said he obtained depositions from policemen, nurses and others who had contact with Thomas Henry Killam, whose body was found March 17, 1964, beside a shattered Pensacola store window.

More witnesses will be quizzed, Harper said.

He said he also plans to consult medical experts about the prospect of obtaining useful evidence if Killam's body were exhumed.

"Whether an exhumation is ordered," Harper said, "depends to a large extent on whether an autopsy on Killam would be of any benefit. This angle has got to be resolved before anything definite is done."

Harper declared it is difficult to say at this time whether he would ask that Killam's body be exhumed.

"But I have not closed the

door on the possibility or probability of exhuming the body," Harper said.

Harper said he would try to contact New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison Monday to advise him concerning the Killam investigation.

"I talked to his office Friday," Harper said, "but haven't been able to reach him so far." It was Garrison who triggered the Killam probe after he announced that a plot to assassinate President Kennedy had been hatched in New Orleans and that arrests and convictions would be forthcoming.

Killam's brother, Earl, a new car salesman, asked for investigation into his brother's death and requested that the body be exhumed. He wanted to determine how his brother really died.

Harper has already talked to the widow of Killam in Dallas, who was a long-time acquaintance of Jack Ruby, slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, who is alleged to have killed President Kennedy. Killam's widow, Wanda, 38, worked in Ruby's infamous Carousel Club for many years.

Harper didn't disclose details of his phone conversation with Wanda, but said it was in an effort to piece together the story.

Thomas H. Killam, 45 was also acquainted with Ruby. And he also knew another man, John Carter, who had worked with and lived in the same apartment with Oswald in Dallas.

Killam's death was described by police here as "probable suicide" after having jumped through a plate glass window at the Linen Department Store, Palafox and Intendencia Streets. But the county medical examiner, Dr. A. H. Northrup, termed the death as accidental.

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