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DA SEEKS SHAW ARMY RECORDS

Subpena to Be Served on Veteran's Official

By ROBERT USSERY

The district attorney's office accused its presidential assassination investigation on military records of Clay L. Shaw the day after the civic leader and former businessman was arraigned on an indictment of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

A subpoena duces tecum to be served on the administrator of veterans affairs in Washington, D.C., for Shaw's claims file was obtained Thursday by assistant district attorney Andrew J. Sciambra.

In an affidavit Sciambra said that "The district attorney is conducting an investigation into the background of the defendant, including, but not limited to, his affiliation with the United States armed forces, his duties at that time, his whereabouts during that time, his family connections, his date of birth and his general service and medical record."

Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. sent a copy of the subpoena by registered mail to a U.S. marshal in Washington requesting that it be served on William J. Driver, administrator of veteran affairs.

ON APRIL 24

The subpoena summons Driver to appear in the Criminal District Court on April 24 and orders him to bring with him "the claims file pertaining to one Clay L. Shaw."

Sciambra explained that his office is only interested in the records, and that Driver does not have to appear personally. Also, the April 24 date was set to allow "reasonable time" for finding the records, Sciambra said.

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Shaw was arraigned on the conspiracy indictment Wednesday morning in the courtroom of Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.

Earlier Thursday, Layton Patrick Martens, who was indicted for perjury by the Orleans Parish grand jury just several hours after Shaw's arraignment, posted a \$2,500 property bond in the clerk of court office.

DENIES PERJURY

The 24-year-old Martens, a teacher education major at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, denied before newsmen that he had perjured himself in assassination conspiracy investigation testimony before the grand jury on March 29.

His indictment charges that he perjured himself in specific testimony concerning Gordon Novel and Sergio Arcacha Smith, which was in answer to questions put by District Attorney Jim Garrison.

In his statement to newsmen outside the clerk of court office, Martens said:

"In the course of this investigation I have been questioned extensively about minute details of events which occurred any-

where from three to eight years ago.

"To the very best of my ability, all questions have been answered truthfully. This allegation in the indictment that I testified untruthfully is, in itself, untrue."

SMILES FREQUENTLY

Martens, delicately featured and tall, stood erect, appeared calm and smiled frequently. The only time he appeared worried was when he expressed concern that his involvement could affect his graduation this year.

He told newsmen that he took a lie detector test at Garrison's request in December. His statement continued:

"The polygraph operator and one of Mr. Garrison's investigators both informed me, based on the results of the test, they were satisfied I was telling the truth."

The surety for the Martens' property bond was provided by his 81-year-old grandfather, James Smith, of 908 Joseph. Mr. Smith joined Martens and attorney Milton Brener shortly after their arrival in the clerk's office.

Shortly before their arrival, Martens' case was allotted to Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp's section of Criminal District Court.

After Martens signed the bond, Judge Bernard J. Bagert signed an order permitting Martens to live outside of Orleans Parish so that he can continue his studies at Lafayette.

FERRIE ROOMMATE

At the time of the Kennedy assassination Martens was a roommate of the late pilot David William Ferrie, who said before he died that he had been pegged by Garrison as a get-away pilot in an alleged assas-

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sination conspiracy.
The specific questions cited by Martens' perjury indictment deal with Novel, until recently a night club owner here, and Arcacha Smith, an anti-Castro leader here during 1961.

The district attorney's office has had both arrested on the basis of an affidavit charging that they conspired with Ferris in August of 1961 to burglarize a munitions bunker in Houma, La.

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FREE ON BOND

Novel and Arcacha Smith have already been arrested, in Columbus, Ohio, and Dallas, Tex., respectively under a conspiracy - to - commit - simple-burglary affidavit, and are free on bond.

In Baton Rouge Thursday a spokesman for Gov. John J. McKeithen confirmed that a firm which Novel headed supplied specialized electronics equipment to the governor in 1965.

Described as "anti-bugging equipment," it was bought after police received reports that the governor's office might be tapped.

Novel was president of Electronic Systems International

Corp., the firm with which officials contracted for the equipment.