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# TV Newsmen's Hearing Due In Probe Case

A television network newsman was scheduled to find out today whether he must testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death probe investigation.

The hearing was scheduled this morning before Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert. National Broadcasting Co. reporter Walter Sheridan, subpoenaed to testify by the jury, wants the subpoena quashed.

ORIGINALLY, SHERIDAN claimed his requested testimony was nothing more than an attempt to harass him because he produced an NBC program which criticized the DA's investigation.

Yesterday, Sheridan's lawyers filed an amended motion which charged that conflicting political and financial interests should remove Garrison from the investigation.

Garrison has charged Sheridan with public bribery of a key witness in the state's presidential assassination conspiracy case against 54-year-old Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL motion filed yesterday accused Garrison of suppressing evidence, refusing to investigate allegations of wrongdoing by members of his staff and using the grand jury to pun-

ish and harass persons who will not cooperate with him.

Sheridan said the DA's actions were the "result of a personal interest in the cause." At the same time, the motion questioned Garrison's "judicial temperament, his sense of responsibility and his reputation as a prosecutor and fair-minded public official." Sheridan's pleadings added:

"His keen personal interest in vindicating his positive public utterances, in which utterances he has staked his future and his reputation, and his keen personal interest in preserving his reputation . . . are at odds with and are inconsistent with a fair, impartial quest for justice or search for truth."

THE MOTION CHARGES that "financial gain and profit have resulted and continue to result to the district attorney in the form of funds donated by groups . . . and funds received from various newspapers, magazines and other publications for materials furnished by the district attorney for publication."

"The district attorney therefore has an additional personal interest in the cause other than the fair and impartial administration of justice," the newsman declared.

IF GARRISON'S office chooses to answer the latest Sheridan motion and asks for time to study the pleadings and file a formal response, the scheduled hearing could be delayed for another week or more.

In another development yesterday, one-time Jefferson Parish Asst. DA Dean A. Andrews Jr. told the Jefferson Young Men's Business Club he is tired of being the DA's "whipping boy."

"If he messes with me one more time, I'm going to charge him with malfeasance in office and prove it," Andrews warned. He is charged with perjury in connection with the probe.

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