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BRADLEY IN DALLAS DAY OF SLAYING--DA

Claim He Was in El Paso Lie, Says Garrison

District Attorney Jim Garrison Thursday claimed that a 49-year-old California broadcaster charged with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy was in Dallas the day of the killing, and not in El Paso as the suspect had earlier stated.

Garrison, reported to have returned to New Orleans from Los Angeles, Calif., shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday, made the statement earlier while checking out of a Los Angeles hotel.

It was his first public comment about Edgar Eugene Bradley since Bradley was charged Wednesday in New Orleans with taking part in a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

With a warrant for his arrest already issued, Bradley had earlier denied any connection with the assassination, and said the entire matter "is probably a case of mistaken identity."

"Our evidence indicates that he was in Dallas," said Garrison, referring to the assassination day. "Furthermore," the DA added, "I think that I can say with assurance that the federal government and federal investigative agencies and the Dallas investigative agencies know he was in Dallas, and know precisely what he was doing."

Bradley's employer, Dr. Carl McIntire, a syndicated radio broadcaster and president of the American Council of Churches, labeled the conspiracy charge of Garrison "irresponsible, unsupported and wild," and called for an investigation of the DA's conduct and sources of information.

Ironically, as Bradley was answering telephone queries from newsmen at his home in N. Hollywood and warning, "If Garrison is going to press charges, he'll have to prove them." well, was nearby at a hotel in Los Angeles as registered un-



THE REV. CARL MCINTIRE Calls Garrison charges "wild."

der the name of "Clyde Ballou," but Clyde Ballou was not receiving telephone calls, and had left instructions not to be disturbed.

In another development, The Times-Picayune learned that a man named Edgar

Eugene Bradley worked at New Orleans Lakefront Airport as a pilot in 1963.

Michael A. O'Conner, supervisor at the airport, said that in the fall of 1963 he found a man sleeping in the airport lobby. The man was in need of a shave, and, according to O'Conner, "much thinner" in appearance than the picture he had seen of Bradley, the California broadcaster.

NOT SEEN AGAIN

O'Conner said he woke the man up and he identified himself as "Les" or "Leslie" Bradley. "I told him I didn't want to see him sleeping in the lobby and I told him to go home. He left and I never saw him again."

Talking with other airport employees at that time who witnessed the scene, O'Conner said he was told by them that the man's name was Edgar Eugene Bradley and that he had flown for Scott Flying Service, a company no longer in existence here.

In California, Bradley said he believes the charge against

him is a case of mistaken identity because he was questioned by FBI agents about three years ago and was told they were seeking another "Gene Bradley" whose description did not fit his.

Meanwhile, Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd Jr. contacted Sheriff P. J. Pitchess of Los Angeles County, and told him that a copy of the arrest warrant for Bradley was on the way by mail.

UP TO HIM . . . HEYD

Heyd said that Sheriff Pitchess could arrest Bradley on the basis of the telephone call or he may wait until he receives the warrant. "That's up to him," said Heyd.

Thursday afternoon Sheriff Pitchess said his office would take no action until the warrant arrives. "I presume at that time we'll present it to the district attorney's office here," Pitchess said. "We'll decide on the legality of it and whether we'll take any action."

He said Bradley called him at 11 a. m. and told him he was available and would surrender to the sheriff if authorities wanted him.

Bradley, who says he sells the Rev. Dr. McIntire's syndicated radio broadcasts to West Coast stations, said that his main problem will probably be the financing of his defense.

A native of Arkansas, Bradley claims a modest income. He said he came to Los Angeles in 1936 after serving with the U.S. Navy, and worked with a moving firm until some six years ago when he began work with his present employer.

Standing five feet, eight inches tall, the suspect has dark hair except for some gray at the temples. He and his wife Connie, a receptionist in Los Angeles, have two children, but he refused to give their names.

Bradley is the second person to be charged with conspiracy to murder President Kennedy in the year-old probe by Garrison. Clay L. Shaw was arrested last March on the charge and he faces trial in February.

In Bradley's case, if he is arrested, he may either return to New Orleans voluntarily to face the charge or fight extradition. Bradley indicated Thursday he would fight the attempt to get him here. The warrant

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