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Extradition Hearing for Bradley Opens

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An attorney for a North Hollywood man said Wednesday that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's charges against his client in Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation are the result of mistaken identity.

Attorney George Jensen made the statement at the opening of an extradition hearing for Edgar Eugene Bradley, charged by Garrison with taking part in a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy in November 1963.

Bradley, his wife and 20-year-old son Brent sat behind Jensen during the hearing, conducted by Gov. Ronald Reagan's legal affairs secretary, Edwin Meese III.

Jensen said Bradley has maintained that he had never been in Louisiana before April 1965, and had never been in New Orleans before April 1967. Garrison is seeking to return Bradley to Louisiana to face trial on the conspiracy charge.

Jensen questioned the legal sufficiency of the extradition request, saying, "The only thing Jim Garrison has sworn to is that he is district attorney of New Orleans and that Edgar Eugene Bradley is named in the indictment."

The attorney said Garrison's affidavit uses the words "evidence indicates" when it refers to Bradley and the alleged conspiracy.

Daniel Kremer, a deputy California attorney general representing Louisiana's side in the case, said Jensen, in attacking Garrison's affidavit, was chipping away at supporting documents, and not the central issue.

Kremer said the only question before the hearing was whether the request to return Bradley to Louisiana was legally sufficient.

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