

Omaha Woman Sought by Garrison Picked Up

DA Wants Her Returned to New Orleans as Witness in His Assassination Probe

OMAHA (AP)—Omaha police took Mrs. Lillie Mae McMaines into custody Tuesday for New Orleans authorities who want her returned there as a material witness in the investigation of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison had issued a warrant asking her return. She was taken into custody by Omaha police on a local fugitive warrant. Detective Inspector Richard Andersen said this was done under Omaha's cooperation pact with other states.

Mrs. McMaines bond was set at \$1,000 and a preliminary hearing was set for April 25 in municipal court. Andersen said Mrs. McMaines could, if she desires, waive the hearing and go voluntarily to New Orleans. She has said she

is willing to return there.

Mrs. McMaines was released on bond late Tuesday.

Mrs. McMaines, known as Sandra Moffett in New Orleans, was named by Perry Raymond Russo as the girl he took to a party at David W. Ferrie's apartment. She said she did not attend the party.

Russo, star witness at a preliminary hearing to show cause for holding Clay L. Shaw for trial, said he heard Ferrie, a freelance pilot, Lee Harvey Oswald and Shaw plot the assassination of Mr. Kennedy. He said the conspiracy was discussed after the party broke up.

Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin, and Ferrie are now dead. Shaw, a former trade executive, has been indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to commit murder.

GRAND JURY QUIZZES FERRIE EX-ROOMMATE

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A grand jury investigating an alleged plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy questioned Layton P. Martens, 24, for 90 minutes Wednesday. No indictments were returned.

Martens is a former roommate of David W. Ferrie, who died in his apartment here Feb. 22 and who has been named as a coconspirator in the alleged assassination plot being investigated by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

Last week the grand jury indicted Clay L. Shaw, 54, a New Orleans civic leader, for conspiring to murder Mr. Kennedy. The indictment listed Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and "unnamed others" as coconspirators.

Martens was Ferrie's roommate at the time of the Kennedy assassination. Ferrie, Martens and Alvin R. Beaubouef, now 21, were arrested by Garrison's officers two days after the assassination and held for the FBI and

Secret Service. All three were released the next day.

In Omaha, a material witness sought by Garrison decided not to waive extradition immediately and return to New Orleans. Lillie Mae McMaines, 22, was arrested Tuesday and freed on a \$1,000 bond on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Mrs. McMaines, known in New Orleans as Sandra Moffett, was brought into the case when Perry Raymond Russo, 25, testified before a preliminary

hearing that he heard Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald plotting to kill Mr. Kennedy. He said this transpired after a party at Ferrie's apartment in mid-September, 1963. He named Sandra Moffett as "the girl I brought to the party."

Mrs. McMaines has denied attending the party.

Bad Taste

From a San Francisco Chronicle editorial

A "do-it-yourself" assassination kit especially devised for reconstructing the murder of President Kennedy went on sale in Britain last week. It is said to contain a scale model of the Dallas assassination area, blown-up photographs of the President's bloodstained shirt and jacket, a copy of the official autopsy report, a full scale drawing of Lee Harvey Oswald's mail-order rifle, and other gruesome material.

Its producers say that this grisly game is intended to permit amateur detectives "to help solve the assassination for themselves . . . in the spirit of public inquiry."

We regard this as a shocking and revolting exercise in bad taste, made all the more surprising in that it is an invention of the British, known around the world as sticklers for "good form" and exemplars and arbiters of "taste."

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The Jinx

Crash Victim Involved in JFK Probe

Sudden death, which has consistently followed many persons connected with the Kennedy assassination, continued its pattern today with the death of George Piazza II—pilot of the Delta Air Lines training jet which crashed in New Orleans.

The 30-year-old Piazza was also an attorney and counsel for one of the figures in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy investigation.

Piazza represented James Lewallen, a one-time roommate of David W. Ferrie who was a key figure in the probe before his death. Lewallen had been questioned by Garrison's staff.



GEORGE PIAZZA II
Pilot and attorney

LAWYER IN GARRISON PROBE CRASH VICTIM

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) —George Piazza, one of five Delta Air Lines pilots who died in the crash of a Douglas DC-8 near New Orleans Thursday, also was a lawyer who represented a witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of an alleged conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Piazza, 30, a former assistant district attorney here, represented James Lewallen when Lewallen was subpoenaed to appear in Garrison's office last month.

Piazza was a cousin of Marguerite Piazza, New Orleans-born opera singer.

Lewallen once roomed with the late David W. Ferrie, a former Eastern Air Lines pilot named by Garrison as one of the assassination conspirators along with Clay L. Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald.

When Lewallen appeared in Garrison's office, Piazza said his client had known Ferrie in years past when Ferrie was an airline pilot.

Lewallen is now employed by a defense contractor at NASA's Michoud space plant here. At the time he roomed with Ferrie he worked for Eastern Air Lines. *EAP*

KENNEDY 'PLOT' PROBE FIGURE SEIZED IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Gordon Novel, a former New Orleans nightclub operator wanted as a material witness in the investigation of the alleged John F. Kennedy assassination plot, was arrested Saturday in suburban Gahanna.

The 29-year-old Novel issued a statement shortly after his arrest in which

he called New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison "the fraud of the century."

Novel said he would fight extradition to New Orleans.

"Unless I am kidnapped or killed by the witch hunters of Louisiana, their days of perpetration of this monstrous legal fraud are numbered," he said. *EW*

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After being freed from a Columbus (Ohio) jail on \$10,000 bond, Gordon Novel repeated to newsmen his insistence that he once worked for Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who has issued a warrant for Novel as a witness in Garrison's investigation in New Orleans into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Novel and his lawyer said they would fight to prevent Novel's return to New Orleans, where he is charged with conspiring to commit burglary of a munitions plant. END

Inside Labor

A Mafia

Hint in

JFK Quiz

By VICTOR RIESEL

DALLAS, April 1 — Despite the histrionics of king-sized Jim Garrison, the eerie trail of the Kafka-like David W. Ferrie does not appear to lead to the tragedy of '63.



RIESEL

In 40 still-classified pages of the Warren Commission Report, Ferrie's path, instead, heads toward one of the land's most notorious of Mafia dons.

The secret record, established by ace FBI teams, discloses that Ferrie positively was in New Orleans the day a rifle spat fire and death from the book depository.

Ferrie, a pilot, in effect worked for Carlos Marcello, often referred to as the syndicate "boss" of Louisiana and described by the late Sen. Estes Kefauver as "one of the worst criminals in the country."

The manicured, bantam multimillionaire Marcello is one of the 13 alleged Mafia high council who were picked up by New York police last September in a Queens restaurant.

Amongst those with him at the interrupted dinner was his intimate friend Carlo Gambino, long accused of being the Cosa Nostra's account executive in charge of labor. The ailing don, Carlo Gambino, has powerful influence over far-flung waterfronts and some construction labor.

SWUNG AT FBI MAN

His comrade-in-arms, Mar-

cello, who once took a swing at an FBI agent, for many years has had influence over trucking and waterfront activity as well as gambling throughout the Southwest.

During one Senate investigation, a witness testified that "we find their fingers (the Marcello mob) in Texas ... and in Mississippi, Alabama ... and up into Missouri ... in the St. Louis area."

For almost two decades Carlos Marcello, estimated by police to be worth at least \$50 million in real estate, motels, oil wells, shrimp boating and commercial enterprises, has

been feuding with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Federals charged he was an alien and sought to deport him. The Federals also charged him with attempting to show he was born in San Jose Pinula, Guatemala, by allegedly forging a birth certificate. Some seven years ago the U. S. Government actually flew him to Guatemala. But he returned. Then he was charged with other improprieties involving his birth papers.

Marcello came to trial during the week of Nov. 18, 1963. His learned counsel then was G. Wray Gill, who also spoke for him when he attempted to hit an FBI agent at the New Orleans airport.

WEIRD CHARACTER

The defense needed an investigator and all-around handyman for some of this work. They took on a weird character by the name of Dave W. Ferrie. The latter hit the road considerably on this case of Government charges that Marcello had used a false passport. Ferrie took at least one trip to Guatemala.

Gill outpointed the Government and Marcello beat the rap — on Nov. 22, 1963.

The late Ferrie later told the FBI that he was just outside the courtroom when the jury acquitted Marcello. But Gill told Federal agents that at 12:15 p.m. that grim day he talked to his office. One of his staff told the lawyer that Ferrie was right there. This was just five minutes before the assassination of Jack Kennedy hundreds of miles away.

This testimony conflicts but it does establish the dead Ferrie's alibi. It also proves how tangled are the skeins of this explosive bit of history. So many people, so many visionist shadows across the mysteries to whip up.