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# Andrews Trial Date Aug. 9

Judge Frank J. Shea today set Aug. 9 as the starting date for the perjury trial of rotund Jefferson Parish attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr.

Thus, Andrews likely will be the first principal in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation to go to trial.

Judge Shea overruled four motions filed by Andrews, including a request that Criminal District Court toss out the indictment against him.

### THE JUDGE READ each

motion and announced, "Motion denied" after each one.

Andrews and his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, sought an order to disclose testimony given the Orleans Parish Grand Jury which indicted Andrews on charges of lying under oath. At the same time, they asked for the right to inspect the original transcript of Andrews' testimony before the grand jury on March 16.

The hip-talking former Jefferson Parish assistant district attorney was indicted the same afternoon he testified. Garrison has charged that Andrews lied when he said he could not identify Clay L. Shaw and the mysterious "Clay Bertrand" as the same man.

**SHAW, A 54-YEAR-OLD** retired New Orleans businessman, has been indicted for complicity in Kennedy's death. The grand jury accused him of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie to kill Kennedy. Shaw is free on \$10,000 bond, awaiting trial.

Ferrie, a onetime airline pilot, died five days after the Garrison investigation became public in February. The Warren Commission placed

the sole blame for Kennedy's death on Oswald.

Andrews told the Warren Commission a man he knew as Clay Bertrand telephoned him after Kennedy's death and asked him to serve as Oswald's attorney. Garrison said the call was made by Shaw and charged that Bertrand and Shaw are the same.

**THE FIRST** indictment against Andrews was withdrawn by the DA's office in April, and he was reindicted

in an 11-foot-long document which quoted about 2,000 words of his testimony.

About Bertrand and Shaw, the grand jury quotes Andrews as saying:

"I can't connect the two. I can't say he is, and I can't say he ain't—there is no way in my mind that I can connect the two—but if you asked me under oath I can't give you my personal opinion. . . ."

**LATER, ANDREWS** told the jury he believed Shaw was taller than Bertrand. The testimony transcript quotes him as saying:

"I see him on TV — He is a tall cat—I don't believe the person I know as Clay Bertrand is as tall as him."

Andrews pleaded innocent to the perjury charge at his formal arraignment April 18.

## DA'S OFFICE IMPLICATED

# Two Bribe Attempts Claimed in JFK Probe

Two new charges of bribing witnesses cropped up today in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination plot probe.

In a copyrighted story, Gene Roberts of the New York Times stated that he interviewed two Parish Prison inmates who told him they had been offered "concessions" by Garrison's office "if they would help him prove his charge that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was the result of a conspiracy."

The two prisoners, both convicted of burglary charges, are Miguel Torres and John Cancier.

REPORTERS OF the States-Item contacted both men weeks ago, but came up with no conclusive evidence of intimidation in either case.

Roberts said Torres, a one-time heroin addict, told him he had been offered his freedom, one ounce of heroin and a three-month vacation in Florida if he would be "cooperative" in the investigation.

Cancier told Roberts that representatives of Garrison's office offered to drop the charges against him if he would break into Clay Shaw's apartment and "put something" there.

The bribery charges were revealed today, the day that Shaw is due to appear in court to argue motions in his case. He is so far the only man charged with conspiracy to assassinate the president in the district attorney's investigation.

Several months ago, in the early days of the investigation, States-Item reporters talked with Torres after it was learned Garrison's investigators had been to see him.

AT THAT TIME Torres, a 29-year-old Cuban, appeared extremely nervous and refused to discuss any phase of the investigation, including why he had been questioned.

Torres is a slightly built man, well groomed and with a fair command of the English language.

Shortly after the visit by the States-Item, made in the presence of Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd Jr., Torres was placed in a maximum security cell and reporters were not permitted to interview him. Roberts interviewed him later, at Angola, when the stiff regulations were apparently no long in effect.

CANCLER CONTACTED the States-Item himself, through an attorney, and said he had information about the investigation.

Reporters interviewed Cancier in the criminal sheriff's offices.

Cancier said he had been contacted in mid-January by one of Garrison's aides, who drove him to the French Quarter home of Shaw at 1313 Dauphine.

"Do you think you could get into that house?" Cancier said he was asked.

ACCORDING TO CANCLER, he looked the place over and commented that it was too easy a job for a man of his ability, then asked why the offer had been made.

He said the investigator told

him Garrison was investigating the assassination of Kennedy and believed Shaw had something to do with it. When he discovered the enormity of the thing he'd been asked to do, Cancier said, he decided he'd rather not get involved.

At the time, Cancier told States-Item reporters he was not certain whether he was to put something into the apartment or to take something out or merely to "case the joint."

However, he later told Roberts he had been asked to "put something" into the apartment.

Cancier is a long-time police character known as "John the Baptist." He is a talkative Negro, whom one of Garrison's assistants has called "one of the best—if not the best—active burgler in New Orleans.

He was convicted Feb. 19 of the Dec. 6 burglary of a Newcomb blvd. home, but last month came up with another Parish Prison inmate, Donnell Carroll, who says he actually

committed the burglary.

ON THE BASIS of new evidence, Cancier asked for a new trial. Criminal Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp has the motion under consideration and is due to rule on it soon.

Torres has apparently opened up since the time he was questioned by States-Item reporters, for he went into a lengthy story for Roberts of his association with the DA's investigators.

He said he was told that "the boss" (Garrison) was very powerful and could either grant Torres his freedom or assure the completion of his nine-year prison term, as well as bringing federal charges to bear against the Cuban.

"Although they had me over a barrel," Roberts quoted Torres as saying, "I didn't want to frame anyone."

Garrison told Roberts he was surprised anyone would accept the statements of such types and said, "I wouldn't dignify those people with an answer."