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GARRISON WITNESS CHARGED IN THEFTS

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) —Perry Raymond Russo, the star witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination, was arrested and booked Saturday on three counts of burglary and theft.

Police said Russo and a companion, Carl Moore, 20, of Jefferson Parish, were arrested at Russo's home in New Orleans.

Russo and Moore were charged with the \$8,400 burglary of a New Orleans home, possession of a stolen safety deposit box and the theft of a motorcycle valued at \$3,000.

It was largely due to Russo's testimony at a 1967 pretrial hearing that businessman Clay Shaw was held for trial for conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Russo testified that he

was at a party with Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and alleged co-conspirator David Ferry when the assassination was planned.

Russo said he remembered the party only after being hypnotized and taken through a "time tunnel" to recall the event. Shaw was acquitted March 1, 1969, of the conspiracy charges.