

Oswald, Ferrie in Same

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28 (AP)—District Attorney Jim Garrison has been given information that Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie were picked up together by police in New Orleans in 1963, the States-Item reported today.

Before he was found dead Wednesday, Ferrie had insisted he did not know Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the man who killed President John F. Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Ferrie, a former airline pilot, has been called "one of the most important men in history" by Garrison, who launched his own investigation of the assassination last October.

2 MEN IN CAR

The States-Item reported that Garrison's investigators officer that he was making a routine check near Lake Portchartrain early one morning in the fall of 1963 when he found two men sitting in a parked car.

One of the men identified himself as Oswald, the officer said.

The newspaper said the officer was not clear about how the other man identified himself, but he has since positively identified Ferrie as the man he saw in the car.

The officer took the pair to headquarters, the newspaper said, where his superior declined to arrest them because of insufficient evidence of wrongdoing.

After the Kennedy assassination, the officer said, he recog-

nized Oswald's face and name from pictures. He said he took no action because it was widely known that Oswald had lived in New Orleans.

INSISTS IT WAS SUICIDE

Last week, when Ferrie's name was linked to the Garrison assassination probe, the officer gave the district attorney his information, the States-Item said.

Garrison maintains that Ferrie committed suicide, although coroner Nicholas Chetta has ruled death resulted from natural causes—a ruptured artery in the brain.

A typewritten note found in Ferrie's apartment after his death contained a bitter indictment of law enforcement officers, courts and American justice in general.

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"Daily we are propagandized more and more about a rising crime rate," the note said. "But how do we know it is true? Today I went to the police headquarters to see these 'public records' of this rising crime rate and nearly wound up in jail for my trouble. I was searched, interrogated, verbally abused, had my record checked, and finally threatened.

Needless to say, I did not see the 'public records.'"

Ferrie apparently had never been convicted of any crime. He lost his job as an airline pilot in 1961 after being arrested on a morals charge in suburban Jefferson parish, but the case never went to trial. No charges were known to be pending against him at the time of his death.