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## Tampa Free Lance Writer Arrested in New Orleans JFK Assassination Probe

Kerry Thornley is taken into custody by Sheriff's Lt. Dick Frazier and appears before Peace Justice Marion Hendry

# Deputies Arrest Thornley on Fugitive Warrant

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Since magazine writer Kerry Wendell Thornley, 29, has been charged by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison with perjury before a grand jury, was arrested at his Tampa home this morning by local authorities.

Although Sheriff's deputies took the blond, 29-year-old writer into custody at 9:15 a.m. on a flight to New Orleans, he was taken to the Orleans Parish Jail in New Orleans, where he was held in lieu of \$5,000 bond awaiting extradition proceedings.

Thornley was charged with perjury, the New Orleans attorney is contending the Tampa writer refused to admit his association with Oswald in New Orleans in 1963.

when testifying before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Feb. 8.

Thornley today said, "I really have no statement to make except that I'm innocent of perjury."

"Apparently Garrison has a great number of witnesses who said they saw me with Oswald, and he's absolutely sure I was with Oswald, and that I'm lying," Thornley said.

THE TAMPA DENIES having seen the accused presidential assassin since they served together in the Marine Corps for three months at Ft. Tora, Calif., in 1959.

Garrison contends that Oswald and Thornley were both CIA agents.

"I can tell you this flatly: I'm not a CIA agent," Thornley said.

"Why does he think I am? One of the reasons is that I went to Arlington, Va., after leaving New Orleans. Another is that I have the education to hold white collar jobs, but don't."

"THE WAS THIS thing about briar pipes and vodka martinis... We're just in two different worlds," said Thornley.

The Tampa said he believes a woman who "practices witchcraft." — Barbara Reid, began the rumors that he knew Oswald in New Orleans.

"She thinks she saw us sitting together in the Bourbon House restaurant, and she's been very active in spreading incriminating information."

Thornley said he first heard about Garrison's warrant "yesterday afternoon — when the newspapers in New Orleans called me."

TAMPA ATTORNEY Arnold Levine said he will represent Thornley when he is brought before a circuit judge here to waive extradition or show cause why he shouldn't be turned over to Louisiana authorities.

Levine, who was asked to advise Thornley of his rights "as a personal favor" by Justice of the Peace Marion Hendry, said he would fight extradition.

Thornley, clad in a blue nylon windbreaker and tan slacks, was brought before Hendry this morning before being taken to the county jail. Hendry issued a fugitive warrant which will hold Thornley until the New Orleans warrant arrives.

THE TAMPA Wrote two books about Oswald, one unpublished, and the other, "Oswald," published in 1965 by New Classes House, Chicago.

Thornley has lived in Tampa since November, 1957. Garrison signed Thornley's warrant just four days before the trial of Chy Shaw is scheduled to begin in New Orleans.

The district attorney has charged that Oswald, David Payne, Shaw, and Jack Ruby planned the conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy while they were all in New Orleans in September, 1963.