

# Garrison Cites Tampa Man

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kerry Thornley of Tampa, a Marine Corps buddy of Lee Harvey Oswald, was charged yesterday with perjury before the Orleans Parish grand jury in its Kennedy assassination probe.

Thornley, 29, was accused by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of lying before the jury when he testified that he had not been with Oswald here in September of 1963.

In Tampa, Thornley said the perjury charge is "false" and said he has a "feeling of futility about going through the rest of my life bailing myself out of debt over this thing."

He said he probably would not fight extradition and would ask for a public defender to represent him in court. In response to the charge, Thornley said there is either a conspiracy afoot to "frame me" by someone with a large amount of money, or the grand jury was misled by "an overwhelming amount of circumstantial coincidences."

Many witnesses, Thornley declared, apparently "deliberately lied" in testifying that they saw him with Oswald in restaurants and other places.

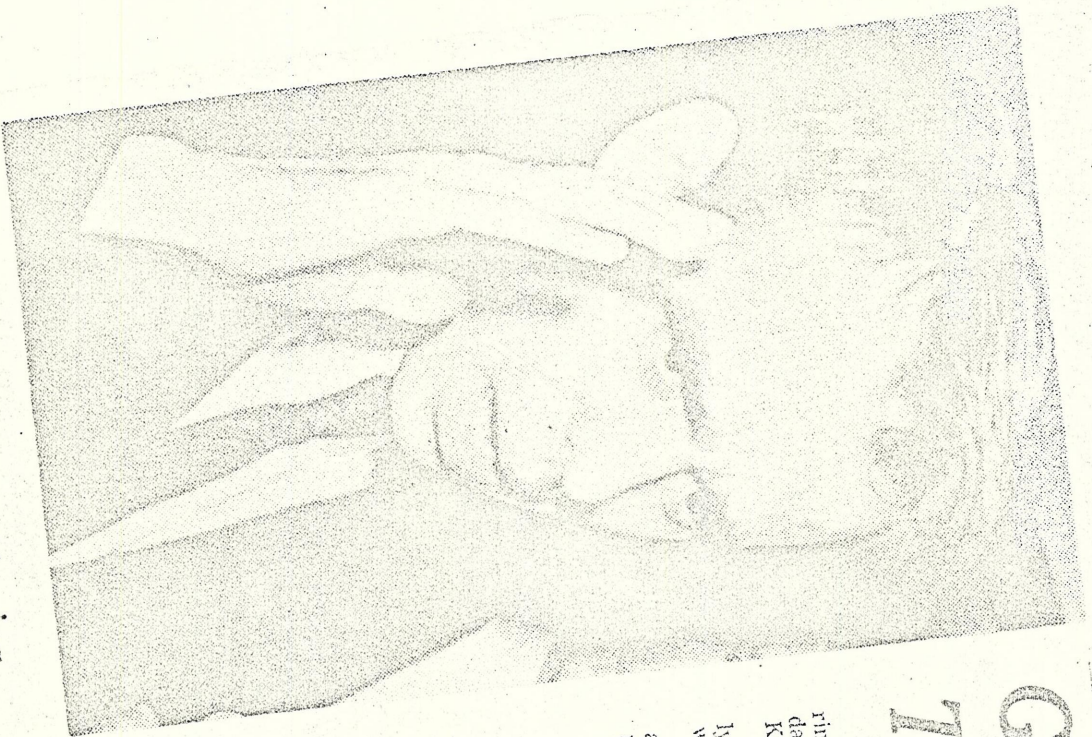
"I have neither the resources investigative-wise nor legal-wise to prove that these witnesses were lying," he said. "I feel a comprehensive investigation would clear me."

Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of President John F. Kennedy, was shot to death two days after the assassination in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Thornley, now a free lance writer, served in the Marines with Oswald at El Toro, Calif., during 1959. He told the Warren Commission one day over a parade starting time.

The charge yesterday detailed the testimony by Garrison before the grand jury Feb. 8 and the questioning by Oswald before the grand meeting in New Orleans with Oswald.

In it, Thornley denied meeting in New Orleans with Oswald. In reply to Garrison's questions, the witness said he had been told by Barbara Reid, a French Quarter resident, that he had been seen with Oswald in the Bourbon House Restaurant.



Thornley at Earlier Hearing  
... accused of lying about Oswald

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