

New Perjury Count Against Andrews Filed

Attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. again has been charged with perjury in connection with his testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on the mysterious Clay Bertrand, Kennedy assassination probe figure.

Andrews was already under indictment and faces an Aug. 9 trial on perjury charge in connection with earlier grand jury testimony.

THE CHARGES filed today relate to testimony by Andrews June 28 in which he said a French Quarter bar owner named Eugene Davis is the Clay Bertrand who called Andrews after the slaying of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 to ask him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin.

District Attorney Jim Garrison has charged that the real Bertrand is retired businessman Clay L. Shaw, who is charged with criminal conspiracy in the death of the President. The Warren Commission investigating JFK's death said it was unable to locate Bertrand.

Before the June 28 testimony, Andrews maintained that he was unable to say whether Shaw and Bertrand were one and the same. He came forward and identified Davis as Bertrand after the National Broadcasting Co. reported that it had located Bertrand and he was not Shaw.

DAVIS SUBSEQUENTLY denied that he ever used the
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name Bertrand and denied ever knowing Oswald.

A bill of information charging Andrews with perjury on the basis of the June 28 testimony was filed today by Assistant DA Robert E. Lee in the clerk of court's office. A bond of \$5,000 was recommended, but later reduced to \$1,500, according to Andrews' attorney, Sam Monk Zelden.

The bill charges that Andrews lied to the jury when he identified Davis as Bertrand. The bill lists the following series of questions and answers it says is taken from Andrews' June 28 testimony:

(Questioning by assistant DA James L. Alcock.)

Q. Dean, do you know the real Clay . . .

A. The man, I believe, is Gene Davis, and if you ask him he'll call me a crocus sack of lies . . .

Q. Now, what leads you to believe that this is Clay Bertrand?

A. Because I believe it. I am the only one who has to account for myself.

Q. What basis do you have?

A. Helen Gert (who Andrews explained worked with Davis in his bar years ago) back in the '50s, at the fag wedding reception I was telling you all about, introduced me to Davis as Clay Bertrand.

(In earlier testimony, Andrews said he originally met Bertrand at a "fag" wedding reception.)

Q. And this was the man that was introduced to you as Clay Bertrand?

A. Right.

Q. Have you talked to this man on the phone recently?

A. I talk to him almost every day. I have known him a long time.

Q. Your testimony now is that this is the man who sent the clients to your office? Talked to you on behalf of homosexuals?

A. This is the man who sent clients to my office; sometimes they were fags, sometimes they weren't.

Q. Is this the man who called you in the hospital and asked you to represent Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. This is the man I believe called me. I believe . . . what you all believe is your affair . . .

(Question by a grand juror.)

In your mind, this is Clay Bertrand? The man who called you down through the years representing homosexuals?

A. No, he didn't do it that way. That's the way I said it, put it into the Warren Commission report — everybody picks it up from there and goes with it. I never said it other than in the Warren Report. . . .

(Questioning by Assistant DA Richard V. Burnes.)

Q. I asked you if you ever heard from Clay Bertrand after the time you were called about representing Lee Oswald in the assassination and the answer was "I ain't seen nor heard of him since."

A. Not from Clay Bertrand, 'cause I call him Gene Davis. You are right. I told you that, and I ain't seen hide nor hair of him nor heard from Clay Bertrand—other than one time I remember when I was with Regis (apparently a reference to FBI man Regis Kennedy) up there. I call him Gene. I was introduced to the man one time.

Q. Did this man change appearance and change personality with the name change?

A. No.

Q. He still looked the same?

A. No, he has changed, he is fat like me. He has aged. Time has gone by. This has been 10 . . .

The bill of information charged that the "statements enumerated above are willfully false and untrue."

In another development in the broad investigation of the Kennedy slaying, Attorney Milton Brener filed a motion today before Criminal District Judge Thomas Brahney requesting that Walter Sheridan, investigator for the National Broadcasting Company charged with public bribery, be allowed to leave the jurisdic-

Brener told the judge that Sheridan will come to New Orleans to post bond in the case. Garrison has accused Sheridan and WDSU-TV newsman Richard Townley with attempting to bribe witnesses in the investigation.

Townley, who is additionally charged with intimidation of witnesses, appeared today before Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff for arraignment.

Townley pleaded not guilty. His attorney, Edward Baldwin, asked for and got nine days in which to file technical pleadings.