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Attorney Gets Term, Fine for Funds Misuse

Attorney Robert Haik has been sentenced to six months in Parish Prison and a \$100 fine for unauthorized use of \$50,000 belonging to District Attorney Jim Garrison's mother.

Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara imposed the sentence yesterday after convicting Haik Sept. 17 of charges filed by Garrison. The fine and prison term make up the severest penalty for such an offense under state law.

Defense attorney Milton E. Brener said an appeal of the conviction already has been filed with the appellate division of criminal court. O'Hara denied a motion for a new trial.

The \$50,000 involved oil royalties belonging to Mrs. Jane Garrison, 70, of Laurel, Miss. A federal court suit is pending in connection with the royalties and Haik accused Garrison of filing the charges in an effort to affect the outcome of that suit.

Garrison recused himself from the case after filing the charge. Attorney Robert Ziblich was appointed as special prosecutor.

Haik will remain free on bond while appealing his conviction.