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Gurvich Theft Hearing Is Continued

Criminal District Judge Frank J. Shea today continued the case against private investigator William Gurvich, charged by District Attorney Jim Garrison with theft of \$19 worth of property belonging to the DA's office.

Gurvich, who was at one time employed as chief investigator by Garrison in his probe of President Kennedy's assassination, is alleged to have stolen files associated with the investigation.

Judge Shea heard technical pleadings today, including motions by defense attorneys Milton Brener and Frank Klein to dismiss the charge.

The defense also asked for copies of all written statements, including a transcript of all grand jury testimony by Gurvich. Brener and Klein an application for a bill of particulars, seeking to have the state specify time, date and place of the reported theft.

Assistant DA James Alcock asked Judge Shea to deny the motions and contended Gurvich failed to return the files when he severed his relationship with the DA's office.

Gurvich was not present at the hearing and his attorneys said that he is in a hospital at Wichita Falls, Tex.

Judge Shea ordered the state and defense to submit legal memoranda on the motions when Gurvich returns and deferred ruling on the motions until the memoranda are in hand.