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CANCLER CASE WRITS SOUGHT

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An attorney for John "The Baptist" Cancler, a figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, served notice in criminal district court Monday that he will go to the state Supreme Court for writs on his client's contempt-of-court sentence.

Milton Brener filed notice of intention to take writs on the sentencing with senior criminal district court Judge Bernard J. Bagert, who found Cancler guilty of contempt of court early in July for refusing to answer questions before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Cancler appeared on a National Broadcasting Co. documentary critical of Garrison's investigation and said that he was asked by two of Garrison's investigators to put something

in the home of conspiracy defendant Clay L. Shaw. Cancler said he was threatened with being forced to serve a burglary sentence.

His refusal to repeat the charges under oath before the jury resulted in his contempt sentence.

Brener said he intends to apply for the writs within one week.

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