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SUBPENA DA, IN SHERIDAN

JURORS HEARING

All members of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and some members of his staff were subpoenaed today to appear at a hearing on a motion to quash the jury's subpoena of television newsman Walter Sheridan.

Sheridan is accused of public bribery by the district attorney's office. The Grand Jury has been investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

THE SUBPENAS, which also went to others, were issued at the request of Sheridan's defense attorney, Milton Brener.

Sheridan, an investigative reporter for NBC, has been charged with public bribery in connection with Garrison's Kennedy probe following an NBC documentary that was highly critical of the investigation.

The newsman, when subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury, charged that Garrison is manipulating the jury to suit his own purposes.

HE THEN FILED a motion to quash the subpoena of himself.

The date for the hearing on the motion has not yet been set. The subpoenas issued today were issued for the persons to appear "when the hearing date is set."

Besides the Grand Jury members and Garrison, subpoenas have been issued to:

First Assistant DA Charles Ray Ward.

William Gurvich, former chief investigative aide to Garrison, who has been highly critical of the DA since he resigned from the staff.

JAMES ALCOCK, an assistant DA who has played a leading role in the investigation.

Willard E. Robertson, the New Orleans businessman who was instrumental in forming "Truth and Consequences of New Orleans Inc.," the organization formed to bankroll the Garrison probe with private funds so he could act in secrecy.

Three members of the Orleans Parish Jury Commission—Noel Rada, chairman; Mrs. Louise Bistes, commissioner, and Julian Murphy, clerk.