

State

Andrews Enters

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Dean A. Andrews Jr. today pleaded not guilty to a charge of perjury in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews was arraigned today before Criminal District court Judge Frank Shea. His attorneys asked for a jury trial and one was granted. No date was set.

THE ORLEANS PARISH Grand Jury indicted Andrews last week when he appeared for the second time in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy slaying. No specific reason was given for the action.

The indictment charged Andrews "did wilfully and un-



—States-Item photo.
DEAN A. ANDREWS JR., right, confers with his attorney, SAM MONK ZELDEN, as he arrives at Judge Frank Shea's court for arraignment on a perjury charge.

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lawfully commit perjury during questioning relative to a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, President of the United States."

Andrews' attorneys, Sam Monk Zelden and Ralph Barnett, asked for time to file motions in the case, and were given until April 10.

Zelden said afterwards that he hasn't decided what kind of motions he will file.

Andrews, who is suspended from his job as assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, was scheduled to appear in court at 10:30 a. m. At 10:37, Judge Shea called him in from a waiting room.

THE TINY COURTROOM WAS packed with jurors from

several other cases scheduled for trial today. Because of this, only one representative of the news media was allowed inside for Andrews' arraignment.

The reporter, chosen by lot from among the newsmen covering the court action, was this reporter, of the States-Item.

Andrews entered the courtroom minus his customary sunglasses.

Zelden volunteered to waive the reading of the bill of indictment but Judge Shea read it anyway. It began:

"The grand jury of the state of Louisiana . . ." and went on to state that on March 16, Andrews "appeared as a witness for the grand jury" and "did wilfully and unlawfully

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commit perjury during questioning relative to a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, President of the United States."

ZELDEN SAID, "Your Honor, the defendant asks for a jury trial and respectfully pleads not guilty."

He then asked for time in which to file motions. He asked for 20 days. Judge Shea consulted his calendar and said:

"I'll give you till April 10 to file pleadings." This is one day less than the 20 requested.

He then granted Andrews the jury trial.

Andrews testified before the Warren Commission that he was contacted after the Kennedy assassination by a "Clay Bertrand" who asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of shooting JFK.

Garrison contends that Bertrand is an alias for Clay L. Shaw, charged with criminal conspiracy in the assassination. Andrews said he is unable to confirm this.

CAMERAMEN, photographers and all electronic devices were barred from the third floor of the courthouse where Shea's courtroom is located.