

PROBE WITNESS ORDERED FREED

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Insufficient Evidence to
Hold Bundy--Judge

A witness in District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy death probe was ordered released from Parish Prison Tuesday by a Criminal District Court judge who ruled that there was insufficient evidence to hold him on armed robbery and theft charges.

Judge Frank J. Shea made the ruling at a preliminary hearing for Vernon W. Bundy Jr., a 29-year-old Negro of 4039 Athis ct.

Bundy was being held on a \$50,000 bond for the robbery charge, and on a \$750 bond on the theft charge.

He was arrested Jan. 8 and booked with the Christmas Eve robbery of Harry Alexander, Negro, 70, 728 N. Prieur. He was also booked with the Christmas Day theft of \$25 from Elaine Leary, Negro, 32, 2226 Dumaine.

Bundy testified last year in a preliminary hearing in which three judges ruled that Clay L. Shaw should be bound over for trial on a charge of conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Bundy said he saw Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald together on the New Orleans lakefront during the summer of 1963.