

DA WANTS TWO
MEN TO TESTIFY

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Subpenas Are Issued for
Californians

The District Attorney's Office Monday issued subpenas for two California men for testimony later this month in the Orleans Parish Grand Jury investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

One of the men, Clinton Wheat, Burney, Calif., has served terms in the state penitentiary at Angola for armed robbery and murder, according to the DA's office.

The other subpena was directed to Dr. Stanley L. Drennan, 4643 Beverly st., Los Angeles.

HELD TALKS

The subpenas alleged that both men participated in discussions of the assassination of Kennedy in 1963. Wheat was alleged to have taken part in such discussions at his home, then in Los Angeles.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock alleged that the discussions took place before Kennedy was assassinated.

May 29 and 30 are the dates set for both men to testify. Both are guaranteed immunity in connection with prior criminal and civil matters.

Court records in the DA's office show that Wheat was sentenced to two years at Angola on Oct. 18, 1938, after being convicted of armed robbery at Colfax, La., in the Eighth Judicial District.

After his release from Angola, Wheat was charged with the murder of "D. H. Parker," which allegedly ocured on April 20, 1940.

LIFE TERM METED

He was sentenced to life in the same judicial district on Oct. 22, 1940, after pleading guilty. He was released in 1952, according to the DA's office.

Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Branif authorized both subpenas.

Both men were described as "necessary and material" witnesses in the Kennedy death probe.

District Attorney Jim Garrison has accused retired businessman Clay L. Shaw of conspiring to murder Kennedy.

Trial has been set for June 11 before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.