

DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON Lawyer and client leave court.

Gervais Credibility All testified that Garrison's office vigorously prosecuted DA Seeks a Motive for pinball gambling cases.'

Garrison Attacking

Government Role

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and DON HUGHES

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison

Gervais, who worked in

an undercover capacity

for federal agents, was

described in testimony

as a shakedown artist, a

gambler and a briber.

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tigating these alleged ac-

tivities, Gervais said "if

you want to play games,

we'll play games," Louis

Ivon, Garrison's chief in-

Also testifying about Gervais in the trial of Garrison, Robert

E. Nims, the owner of REN En-

terprises, and John Aruns Cal-

of bribery and conspiracy, were

Lynn Loisel, another investiga-

tor in the DA's office, and Ross

Scaccia, a former assistant DA

who is currently a candidate for

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fered him bribes when he was

He said he didn't take them

but neither did he choose to

prosecute Gervais. "It was a head to head situation. Those

kind of cases are very hard to

prosecute. I told him to hit the road. I didn't take any money

and I wasn't going to take any

money," said Scaccia. Also called by Garrison as witnesses were Criminal Dis-

trict Court Judges Alvin Oser,

Frank Shea, Israel Augustine,

Oliver Schulingkamp and Ma-

an assistant DA.

thew Braniff.

vestigator testified.

When the district attor-

However, under cross-examination by U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse, each judge said he had no knowledge of Garrison prosecuting the owners of pinball machines.

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Garrison is accused of taking bribes from the owners of pinball machines.

Loisel testified that his investigation of Gervais re-vealed that Gervais was "running a card game at 1201 FrenchmauSt.," shaking down a card game for \$100 a night at the Manhattan Bar at Carrollton and Cleveland Avenues and shaking down a handbook operation "located on Carrollton operation "located on Carrollton one block past Canal going toward City Park."

He also said he has seen Gervais with numerous diamonds. "He used to deal with burglars. I still think he's got safety deposit boxes filled with diamonds that he can't get to."

MASSAGE MONEY

Loisel said Gervais took money from the operators of massage parlors, ran a lottery and dice games.

When asked by Assistant U.S. Atty. Michael Ellis to relate what he knew about the criminal activities of Gervais in "all fields," Louis LaCour, Nims attorney objected. "Your honor," LaCour said to

U.S. Dist. Judge Herbert W. Christenberry, "we could be here for weeks."

Loisel said that he turned the information from his investiga-i tion over to the vice squad and after that he wasn't concerned with it.

He also testified that Gervais owed Garrison \$5,000 or \$6.000.1 Loisel said that he had been!

working on the current case for Garrison.

When Ivon took the stand, he testified that Garrison had fired Gervais within 24 hours after learning that Gervais had attempted to shakedown an attorney. Gervais was Garrison's chief investigator at one time. Ivon was assigned the position after Gervais was fired.

OUT OF BUSINESS Ivon said that for years Gervais would call and complain to

him that Garrison wasn't "do-] ing anything for him. He complained about you (Garrison) putting him out of business in the bonding company."

Ivon admitted that he knew Gervais, in fact he testified he recently administered lie detector tests for Gervais, who is running a pizza parlor in Brookhaven, Miss., because Gervais thought his employes were stealing from him.

"I knew him," Ivon said. "But he's not the kind of fellow I would have in my home.'

Ivon said that after he had gathered information concerning Gervais' alleged illegal activities, Garrison told him to conduct an investigation. He said that two or three weeks after the investigation began, Gervais called him and asked, "What are you trying to do to me?"

Ivon said, "I told him."

'PLAY GAMES'

"He said if you want to play games like that we'll play games," Ivon said.

Ivon said that Gervais often said many city officials were accepting money illegally. "This is a Gervais technique. He said everybody was a thief. He even talked about the Pope. He said the Pope was a thief and a goof."

"I assume he even talked about me?" Garrison asked. "Oh, you were a big goof,"

Ivon replied. Ivon also related an incident

in which he said Gervais once approached him with a deal in which the DA would receive \$3,000 a week from pinball operators.

APPEAL REVERSAL

Ivon said the deal concerned some type of plan whereby Garrison would vigorously prose-cute pinball gambling and hopefully obtain a conviction. Then on appeal there would be a reversal.

When Ivon related the story to Garrison he said the DA "told me to tell them to go to hell."

He also testified that Gervais owed Garrison money.

Asked by the judge why he dealt with Gervais, Ivon replied, "He's a source of information, judge. Even when he's in Brookhaven, Miss., he's got a knack of knowing what is

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.segbut judges. and a former judge, and sev-eral other Criminal District cock, a long-time assistant DA fy in his behalf are James Ala.m. Friday. Scheduled to testitinue presenting his case at 10 the courtroom here."

OWN PINBALL ROLE

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ago, added, however, that he had not told Carrison that he DA was first elected 11 years to Garrison's office since the Loisel, who has been assigned .mem

wany bus smiN mort xod shuj chine parts from Boasberg, a joining the police force, added Loisel, who said he worked for TAC Amusement Co. as a collector in 1956 just prior to siloved owned the machines and made

cash payoffs. that they and other pinball op-erators were involved in illegal

TIME GERVAIS LEFT

er Gervais left the employ of DA's office. Loisel admitted, however, that Garrison never brought charges against Ger-vais for accepting the bribe, and the matter was dropped aftto fix a pending case with the torney as a bribe for agreeinger learning that Gervais had ac-cepted about \$3,000 from an attigator and longtime friend, alt-Gervais, Garrison's chief investhe DA either fired or demand-ed the resignation of Pershing from Ellis, Loisel said that he had bed with Garrison when On another line of questioning

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the DA's office.

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After leaving the DA's office, Loisel added Gervais actually

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Joseph Giarrusso Crand Jury Sees

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witnesses Joseph Giarrusso de-

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Jr., another TAC pariner, testi-lied that Harold "Hap" Giarrus-

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Jim Carrison that he made the

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Lawrence L Lagarde Sr., a partner in TAC Amusement Company, testified at the pin-

said that he answered every question asked to the best of his

jury the former superintendent

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his shakedown racket until the Garrison's chiel investigator. Loisel said Cervais continued other gambling cases vigoroused the years Gervais served as he did not prosecute pinball and for some 12 years. which includproper, Volz replied, "Absolute-ly not," adding that he was afraid he would lose his job if va scallecting \$100 a week pro-was collecting \$100 a week pro-rold, operator of the Canal Batts, and had been doing so mi gnidiyns ob ot mid bealse Asked if Garrison had ever As an example, the investiga-tor said he learned that Gervais trial as had been prior policy. cation before the case came to chines being returned to the loposition in the case was reached, instead of the ma--sib a litnu vbotzus ni blan a dised by police in gambling raids had changed office policy so that pinball machines confiscat-He said that Garrison, in fact, .ti bəvisə

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NO BRIBES REPORTED

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Garrison's only other witness Gervais handing bride moncy over to Garrison himself.

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Gervais over authority in the of-

of the office. Klein said he read would no longer be a member covered some wrong-doing on Gervais' part and that Gervais informed him that he had disnoziris. 16di nziegmes tedi gni fice. Klein, who opposed Carrison for the DA's office in the 1965 campaign, said that it was dur-

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