

Trial Told Tape Voice Is Garrison

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 24 (UPI)—A voiceprint identification expert concluded his testimony in the federal trial of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison today by saying voices on prosecution tapes were unmistakably those of Garrison and his two co-defendants.

According to the prosecution, the tapes contain conversations between the defendants, charged with accepting bribes to protect illegal pinball operations, and Pershing Gervais, a former undercover agent.

Lt. Ernest Nash of the Michigan State Police told U.S. District court Judge Herbert Christenberry voiceprints are as reliable as fingerprints, and that "a copy of a tape is just as good as the original as far as the analysis is concerned."

Nash said under cross examination that the tapes used to identify Garrison and co-defendants John Aruns Callery and Robert Nims could not have been faked.

Garrison appeared unconcerned about the possible contents of the 50 tapes. At one point during the testimony he leaned back and cleaned his fingernails.