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Joe Giarrusso: Told my story

"I answered every question put to me," former New Orleans Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso said after appearing before federal grand jury probing allegations that he received \$30,000 in bribes while in office.

Giarrusso's appearance before the grand jury yesterday was spawned out of court testimony in the pinball bribery trial of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and two others.

After his appearance, the former chief told newsmen he "cooperated fully" with the investigation.

Asked what questions were put to him by the grand jury, Giarrusso said, "I would like to tell you but we have an ongoing investigation and it would be in poor taste on my part to tell you about any testimony I gave."

Giarrusso was accused late last month in testimony given by Lawrence Lagarde and John Elms Jr., both of TAC Amusement Co., who said Giarrusso was sent payoffs packed in cartons of whiskey.

The courier, the men testified, was Joe's brother Hap, an employe of TAC, who, they said, did not know he was delivering the money.

Both men claimed they paid the \$30,000 in six installments of \$5,000 each, beginning December 1968.

They also said Elms' father, John Elms Sr., before his death in September, 1968, said he had a \$5,000 quarterly obligation to Giarrusso.

The former police superintendent has denied any wrongdoing.



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JOSEPH I. GIARRUSSO

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N.O. lawyer is booked with felony

An attorney representing Lawrence Lagarde Sr., a figure in the pinball bribery trial of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, has been booked with issuing a worthless check for \$1,970.

A police spokesman said Cecil Burglass was arrested last night and released on bond. Issuance of a worthless check for more than \$100 is a felony.

The check was allegedly issued to pay for services performed at Burglass' residence, 2111 Dauphine St., the spokesman said.