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Aviation Board Attorney Angered at DA'S Charge

Accused of Unauthorized Use of \$50,000

The District Attorney's office has charged in criminal district court the attorney for the New Orleans Aviation Board with unauthorized use of \$50,000 belonging to DA Jim Garrison's mother.

The lawyer, Robert G. Haik, Thursday accused Garrison of filing the charge in an effort to force him to capitulate in a federal suit filed against him by Garrison's mother.

"This is just another example of Jim Garrison using his public office for the personal gain of himself and his family," said Haik.

Haik is free on a \$2,500 bond. The case was allotted to Criminal Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.

Assistant DA William R. Alford Jr. filed the bill of information against Haik Monday. It charges that on June 11, 1969, Haik "unlawfully and intentionally did take and use U.S. currency in the amount of \$50,000 belonging to Jane Gardinier without her consent but without the intention to deprive said Jane Gardinier of said U.S. currency."

Mrs. Gardinier lives in Mis-

issippi.

Haik, an unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature in 1961 and 1962, issued the following statement:

"Several weeks ago Jim Garrison's mother, Mrs. Jane Garrison Gardinier, instituted suit in U.S. District Court in New Orleans as a result of a dispute over the ownership of oil and gas properties.

"This matter now is pending in federal court.

"My attorneys have answered this suit and requested some rejudgment. After I filed my answer to Garrison's mother's suit, Jim Garrison has now seen fit to charge me criminally in Criminal District Court.

"His efforts to charge me in Criminal District Court are nothing more than an attempt to sidestep the jurisdiction of the federal court and bring me into what he thinks is his ballpark — the Criminal District Court.

"These methods of Jim Garrison are nothing more than an effort to force me into capitulating in my defense in the federal court suit.

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