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DA Charges Gurvich With Theft

District Attorney Jim Garrison today charged his former chief investigator, William H. Gurvich, with theft.

The bill of information did not specify what it is Gurvich is accused of stealing but a Garrison aide said it probably was the master file in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

GURVICH SERVED as the DA's chief investigator in the assassination probe until June, 1967, when he abruptly quit, saying it had "no basis in fact."

Garrison has since been quoted as saying that Gurvich

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left with a copy of the master file in the case.

The DA himself filed the bill of information today, an unusual occurrence. It gave Gurvich's address as 610 Poydras, the location of his business, New Orleans Private Patrol.

The charge specifies that on or about June 28, 1967, Gurvich allegedly committed theft of property valued at \$19 belonging to the district attorney's office.

A BOND of \$750 was recommended.

Gurvich was not immediately available for comment, and it was not known whether he had been served with a warrant. However, a courthouse source said in a case of this kind the accused person would normally be allowed to come in and post bond rather than being formally arrested.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock said Gurvich would have to file a motion for a bill of particulars to get more specific information about the charge, but added that the accusation "probably relates to the master file in the Kennedy case."