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N.O. CRIME UNIT SUIT DROPPED

Dispute Over Subpena
Is Settled

A move by the Metropolitan Crime Commission Inc. in federal court to block appearance of its managing director, Aaron Kohn, before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Thursday, was abandoned Wednesday.

Federal District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry scheduled a hearing at 4 p. m. Wednesday on the MCC's petition for a temporary restraining order; but the matter was settled as court opened when Kohn and Milton Brener, attorney for the MCC, told the judge that Kohn has since been assured by the District Attorney's Office that he will not be pressed to identify his informants.

In the petition for the temporary order and a preliminary injunction the MCC charged that a subpena for Kohn to appear at 3 p. m. Thursday is another attempt by Jim Garrison to harass and intimidate Kohn.

The petition charged that the subpena is a continuation of a long history of abuse of Grand Jury processes by Garrison.

When Judge Christenberry questioned Ass. Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock, the prosecutor assured the court that he has an agreement with Brener that if Kohn appears he will not be pressed for names of his informants.

Brener agreed that Kohn will appear upon this assurance.

Kohn and Garrison have had a long standing feud about existence of organized crime in New Orleans.

Alcock told the court that the subpena was issued at the request of the Grand Jury.

Brener also dropped his petition for the injunction.