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JFK 'Plot' Figure Stricken, Promised

BISMARCK, N.D. March 27 (UP) — An attorney who had promised to make disclosures about the assassination of President Kennedy at a news conference tonight was found today in his car with a shotgun across his legs, partially paralyzed by an apparent epileptic seizure. The attorney is David R. Kroman, 43, an unsuccessful independent Democratic candidate for attorney general in the last Minnesota election. He and four others are on trial here, charged with fraud and conspiracy in the collapse of

an insurance company. Mr. Kroman had called a news conference at which time he said he would tell of his private investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. He has told intimates he has been in touch with New Orleans parish Dist. Atty. James Garrison, who is conducting his own investigation. A defense attorney in the Bismarck trial, Richard E. Olson, said Mr. Kroman has been carrying several guns because of "at least three attempts on his life because of what he knows about the Kennedy

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Weather

Fair and warmer,
high, 70s; low 45.
10% chance rain.
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2 p. m.	54
3 p. m.	56



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assassination." Mr. Kroman has told friends he obtained a statement from the Dallas cab driver, now dead, who picked up documents which he planned to use at the news conference. Mr. Kroman has told friends he knows who killed President Kennedy in 1963 and might "name names". He claimed he had been beaten and shot at because of what he knows. At a hospital news conference he said, "The assassination is solved." (See Page 4.)

JFK 'Evidence' Leads to Commitment

Journal Staff

BISMARCK, N.D. (UPI)—An attorney claiming he has documents proving President Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy yesterday was committed to a mental institution after he testified of his alleged harassment.

Davis R. Kroman, 43, one of 17 defendants in a \$3 million insurance fraud, told a U.S. district court judge he was forced off a highway yesterday morning as he drove here with documents that "tend to prove or in some cases do prove that (Lee Harvey) Oswald did not assassinate Kennedy and that other persons did."

Judge Edward Devitt, hearing the case on a change of venue from Minneapolis, promptly declared a mistrial of Kroman's portion of the trial and ordered the defendant committed to the federal penal hospital at Springfield, Mo., for mental examination.

"THERE is reasonable cause to believe that Kroman may be insane or otherwise so mentally incompetent that he is unable to

assist in his own defense," Devitt said.

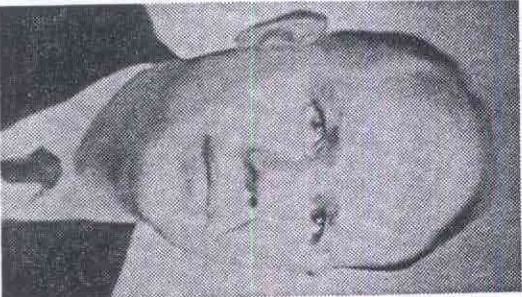
Kroman mounted the witness stand in his own defense and related how, while en route from Minneapolis in a rented car, two other cars followed him. As he neared Bismarck, Kroman said, one car drew abreast of his and the occupant pointed a pistol.

"I would either be shot or I would go off the road. I went off the road," Kroman said. State police found Kroman partially conscious, a loaded shotgun across his knees, at 4 a.m. Police said Kroman altered his eyes, indicating the defendant was not fully conscious.

KROMAN was taken to a local hospital where a doctor said he had suffered an apparent epileptic seizure.

In a bedside news conference Kroman said a North Dakota highway patrolman "thankfully salvaged" documents he had

amassed in more than three years of investigating, prompted when he heard "a drunken Cuban babbling" in a Miami bar.



Davis R. Kroman
"I don't want to be the 20th"

He said his probe took him to Dallas, Key West, Las Vegas and New Orleans.

Kroman told Devitt he had been attacked as recently as March 18, that papers were taken from him in a Tennessee motel in January 1964, and that

on other occasions assailants tried to wrest papers from him. Kroman also told Devitt he was convinced the highway incident was connected with his assassination investigation and not with his involvement in the insurance fraud trial. He said he would "name names" later.

THE attorney said he has been in touch with James Garrison, New Orleans district attorney who says he has "solved" the Kennedy assassination. "Jim Garrison has most of it correct but not the whole story," Kroman said.

Asked why his alleged assailants had not killed him, Kroman indicated he believed they had completely ruined as far as my name is concerned, and if I am torn across physically, then I wouldn't be of any use anymore."

BUT Kroman said he would not stop his investigation despite his allegation "nineteen people have died in connection with the Kennedy investigation. I don't want to be the 20th."

Kroman, unsuccessful candidate for Minnesota's Democratic-Farmer-Labor party attorney general nomination on a ticket with former Insurance Commissioner Cyrus Magnusson who was running for the gubernatorial nomination last year, was indicted on fraud and conspiracy charges in the collapse of the American Allied Insurance Co. Magnusson and officials of the insurance company also were indicted and are on trial.