

# DA Witness Subpoenaed

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Representatives of the criminal sheriff's office last night served a subpoena on a so-called mystery witness in the investigation of the death of President John F. Kennedy.

The subpoena was served on the witness at the home of the parking lot of the Trump B. headquarters of the state police.

The witness, however, did not appear today in court of District Attorney Garrison, who is investigating that he is a witness in the case.

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# Mystery Witness Summoned by DA

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killed the President in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

THE SUBPENA was issued under a new state law which went into effect Jan. 1. It permits the DA's office to issue binding subpoenas with the consent of a district judge.

Previously, the DA issued subpoenas at will, but they had little legal standing. The new subpoenas, when signed by a judge, can result in a contempt citation if disobeyed.

However, the subpoena must be served and the criminal sheriff's office refused to say this morning whether Lewallen was ever found.

Judge Bagert said the subpoena for Lewallen was the first ever issued under the new state law. It was authorized by a change in the Louisiana Criminal Code adopted by the Legislature last year.

THE JUDGE SAID the order for the subpoena was delivered to the clerk of court's office after 3 p.m. yesterday and the subpoena was issued shortly before 4 p.m. It was then delivered to the criminal sheriff's office for processing and serving.

In another development yesterday, Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. Nicholas Chetta officially ruled that Ferrie, found dead here Feb. 22, died of natural causes.

He said Ferrie was killed by high blood pressure which burst a weak vein at the base of the brain. Chetta added:

"There is no indication of violence of any kind, certainly not murder or suicide."

Ferrie's body was released

to Leitz-Eagan funeral home. Funeral services and burial were held this morning.

The body was claimed by local attorney John P. Nelson Jr. on the authority of a telegram from P. T. Ferrie of Rockford, Ill., identified as a brother of the dead man.

There was also a report yesterday that a police officer had picked up Oswald with Ferrie here in late 1962, but the officer later denied the reports.

SEVERAL PERSONS, who asked that their identities be withheld, said the officer had told them he had picked up Ferrie and Oswald.

It was learned that the officer was questioned by Garrison's investigators on the incident, in which he found Oswald and another man in a parked car on Breakwater dr.

He brought the pair to headquarters where they were released when there was no evidence on which to charge them.

IN EARLY editions yesterday, the States-Item incorrectly reported the officer had positively linked Oswald with Ferrie. The officer subsequently denied this.

Also, yesterday, two investigators from Garrison's staff flew to Houston and conferred with Harris County DA Carol S. Vance. Making the trip were Garrison aides William Gurvich and Jim Alcock.

"They called on me as a courtesy call to tell me that they were in town to investigate the Oswald case," Vance said. "But we did not discuss their case. We only talked a few minutes. They said they were leaving Wednesday."