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Newsman David L. Chandler's fight to avoid appearing before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury will not be resolved for at least 20 more days.

The Life magazine reporter, who was subpoenaed shortly after the magazine published reports that organized crime elements operate freely in New Orleans, is suing for an injunction to prevent the subpoena from being enforced, claiming that he is being harassed by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and his staff.

Yesterday, a three-judge federal panel heard Chandler's case and then gave Chandler's attorney, Cicero Sessions, 10 days to file a brief. James L. Alcock, an assistant district attorney, was given an additional 10 days to reply.

CHANDLER HAD been scheduled to appear before the jury today at 9 a. m. However, the court obtained a promise from Alcock that the DA's office will not enforce the subpoena until the case is decided. He also said that the office will not attempt to prosecute Chandler on any charge connected with the matter during the 20-day period.

The case now boils down to a matter of Chandler's word against the word of Garrison, his first assistant, Charles Ray Ward; Lorraine Schuler, Garrison's secretary, and his chief investigator, Louis Ivon.

Chandler contends that he should not be made to appear before the jury because Garrison and members of his staff have made threats to prosecute him for perjury.

HE TESTIFIED yesterday that he was first subpoenaed to appear before the jury Jan. 26 and that when he showed up at the grand jury room, he was told to see Ward instead.

Chandler said the subpoena was issued after he had asked Ivon and Max Gonzales, who was working as an investigator for Garrison, if it were possible that a \$3,000 bribe had been paid to secure the release of David W. Ferrie, who was arrested here shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

He said that when he went to Ward's office he was told by Ward that if he continued to make such charges, he would be taken before the grand jury and be liable to persecution for perjury if he couldn't prove them. Chandler said that no one was present during this conversation.

WARD, MISS SCHULER and Ivon all testified that Miss

Schuler and Ivon were present during Ward's entire conversation with Ward Jan. 26.

During Chandler's testimony, he said that Garrison and his staff seemed "particularly sensitive" to questions about the possible bribery.

He said, under cross examination, that he had wanted to talk to Ward about the possible involvement of organized crime in Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

"I WANTED TO ask Mr. Ward why Mr. Garrison never prosecuted Carlos Marcello (Jefferson Parish rackets figure) for offering him (Garrison) a \$52,000 bribe."

He said he never asked Ward because Ward was too "hostile."

Although Miss Schuler and Ivon could remember exact details of the meeting between Ward and Chandler Jan. 26, they could not recall, under cross-examination by Sessions, the details of any other interrogations that they had sat in on since.

Part of Chandler's case has been that Garrison has made threats to "get even" with Chandler. Yesterday, Garrison took the stand and testified he had no intention of persecuting Chandler. He also said he does not believe Chandler would lie before the grand jury. He said he is "fond" of Chandler.

CHANDLER, EARLY in his testimony, told the court that he has been a special crime investigator on the personal staff of Gov. John J. McKeithen since Sept. 28 and an officer of the State Police.

McKeithen said in Baton Rouge yesterday that he wanted a Life man in on the state's investigation of organized crime "to see that we weren't just putting up a front, that we wanted to rid our state of all illegal gambling and vice."

The federal panel — Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Edward J. Boyle Sr. and James A. Comiskey—promised to expedite its decision.

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