

## CHANDLER'S AFFIDAVIT <sup>5-11/11/67</sup>

# Marcello-DA Slot Proposition Aired

Life magazine reporter David L. Chandler has filed an affidavit in federal court alleging that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison once told him that Carlos Marcello offered to pay the DA \$1,000 a week to place electronically operated slot machines in New Orleans.

The reporter further charges that Garrison said he was not going to prosecute Marcello, a Jefferson Parish rackets figure, "because there were some friends acting as intermediaries."

The affidavit was filed in connection with his earlier testimony in an appeal aimed at blocking a subpoena ordering him to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

CHANDLER'S attorney, Cicero C. Sessions, also challenged Garrison in an affidavit, saying that "at no time have I offered to present Chandler in the office of the DA for plaintiff's sworn interrogation" in my presence.

Garrison said Thursday that Sessions had indicated in court that he had offered to allow Chandler to testify under oath in the DA's office about organized crime if the reporter was permitted to have counsel present.

"No such offer was ever made," Sessions said in the affidavit.

CHANDLER first alluded to the alleged bribe incident in federal court Wednesday. Garrison denied it, saying that "by now everyone knows my office and knows that the idea of anybody offering a bribe to my office is too ridiculous to even consider."

Chandler's affidavit says the purported bribe came about like this:

"Carlos Marcello wanted to install several hundred electronically operated coin slot machines in restaurants and bars and other businesses in Orleans Parish. He wanted Mr. Garrison's investigators to seize

attorney's office or the police in Orleans Parish, and for this service Mr. Garrison was to receive \$1,000 a week for a year.

Chandler said he subsequently "verified this information from other sources. . ."

The affidavits were filed in federal court yesterday as new evidence in Chandler's attempt to avoid the grand jury subpoena.

one of the machines but not to damage it, and present it to a particular court where Mr. Marcello said he had made arrangements for the machine to be declared legal. . ."

THE AFFIDAVIT continued, saying that when the machines were declared legal they could be operated "without further interference from the district

## Court Studies MCC Move to Block Subpena

The Louisiana Supreme Court today is pondering a Metropolitan Crime Commission petition to cancel a subpoena from Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who wants to take the MCC's records before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Burnes told the court yesterday the DA's office wants any documents the commission has on confidential informants and organized crime.

Burnes said he has information that one of the MCC's paid informants has lied, and the DA's office wants to know how much the informant was paid.

Attorney Milton Brener replied that Garrison is trying to investigate the commission instead of its claim that organized crime exists in New Orleans.

The private organization of New Orleans businessmen has been embroiled in a running fight with Garrison over the issue of organized crime. MCC says it is flourishing in New Orleans. The DA contends there is no organized crime in Orleans Parish.

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