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Subpenaed in Partin Case

U.S. Jury Calls Strate, 3 More

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Subpenas were issued today for Zachary "Red" Strate and three other New Orleans men to appear before a federal grand jury here Tuesday.

Strate, a New Orleans builder, was convicted of conspiracy and fraud along with Teamster Union President James R. Hoffa in 1964.

The federal grand jury has been investigating charges of a conspiracy to get Baton Rouge Teamster official Edward Grady Partin to change his testimony, given as a government witness, which helped to convict Hoffa of jury-tampering.

THE OTHER three subpoenaed are:

—Julian M. Levy, court reporter for Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara. At a recent Chicago federal court hearing on a motion to set aside the Hoffa conviction, Judge O'Hara testified that he had been the "messenger" in an attempt to get Partin to sign an affidavit stating that illegal wire-tapping evidence had been used to convict Hoffa. The judge said during the Chicago hearing that the affidavit was dictated to Levy.

—Edward M. Baldwin, New Orleans attorney who was Judge O'Hara's campaign manager in 1965 when the judge ran unsuccessfully for district attorney against in-

cumbent Jim Garrison. During the Chicago hearing, Judge O'Hara testified that on June 5, 1967, Baldwin called him and told him that Walter Sheridan, a former Justice Department investigator, was doing a "White Paper" for the National Broadcasting Co. on Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination. Judge

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O'Hara said that Baldwin initiated plans for setting up a meeting between Strate and Sheridan. Strate testified that Sheridan offered help in Chicago if he, Strate, would help discredit the Garrison investigation. Baldwin was subpoenaed for the hearing, but was not called.

—**PERSHING GERVAIS**, one-time chief investigator for Garrison, who is now in business with Strate. Gervais also was subpoenaed for the Chicago hearing but was not called to testify.

The Chicago hearing was ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court to determine if wiretap evidence had been used. The Hoffa appeal failed, however. Federal Judge Richard B. Austin said the union boss was not entitled to a retrial on fraud and conspiracy

charges.

Judge O'Hara also testified during the hearing that he had been the expense-paid traveling companion and intimate friend of Strate.

SHERIDAN, WHO was a top aide to former U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, was not called. Sheridan headed a team of lawyers and investigators that gathered the evidence used to convict Hoffa.

Following the broadcast of the NBC show, which was Sheridan was indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for public bribery in connection with the assassination probe.

Since the hearing, the Metropolitan Crime Commission has called for the removal of O'Hara as a judge and the New Orleans Bar Association has asked Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion to investigate O'Hara.