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# 3 Grand Juries Probing Big-Crime Influence in La.

Three grand juries—two in New Orleans and the other in Baton Rouge — are probing into allegations of organized crime influence in Louisiana.

As the result of jury action in East Baton Rouge Parish, a search was on today for D'Alton Smith who was indicted yesterday on charges of offering a \$25,000 bribe to Aubrey Young.

SMITH, A NEW Orleans contractor who divides his time between here and Los Angeles, is accused of trying to entice Young, a former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen, to become a middleman in an effort to free jailed Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

The indictment charges that Smith offered the money to get Young to arrange a meeting for him with Edward G. Partin, the Baton Rouge Teamster official whose testi-

mony was instrumental in convicting Hoffa.

Meanwhile in New Orleans, a subpoena was served on Carlos Marcello to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Thursday.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison sought to have Marcello testify before a surprise session of the grand jury yesterday, but Marcello was reportedly out of town.

HOWEVER, JEFFERSON Parish deputies served the subpoena on his wife at the couple's Metairie home.

The other investigation is by a federal grand jury here which is investigating an alleged Cosa Nostra attempt to buy Hoffa out of prison through Partin.

The Baton Rouge Teamster official said this summer that he was offered \$1 million to change his testimony in Hoffa's jury-tampering trial,

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"I take my wife out every night," said the husband, "but she keeps finding her way home."

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which was prominent in sending Hoffa to Lewisburg, Pa., penitentiary.

In Baton Rouge, Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher said the indictment against Smith carries a \$1,000 fine and maximum penalty of five years in prison.

PITCHER, HOWEVER, said he didn't know the whereabouts of Smith. He said Young has denied taking the \$25,000 cash offer, but added that he could not say whether the money actually changed hands. The Baton Rouge

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Grand Jury is to resume its investigation Monday.

In New Orleans, Garrison was asked to comment about the unexpected session of the jury yesterday. He said, "We're going to clear this up with action, then make a statement." The DA contends there is no organized crime in the city as alleged by Life magazine.

Others who appeared before the Orleans jury yesterday were Joseph W. Simon Jr., a member of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans Inc., an organization which contends organized crime flourishes in the city, and the vice-president of the MCC, C. Allen Favrot.

ALSO APPEARING before the jury were Frank Caracci, a French Quarter nightclub owner, and Frank Timphony, who Life claims is a New Orleans bookmaker.

Vincent Rizzo, manager of the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, which was pinpointed in Life as the place where bookies make bets over pay telephones, went before the jury voluntarily. He said his appearance was to "protect the name of the Fontainebleau."

Rizzo, after a 15-minute session before the body, told newsmen he was "foolish" in trying to protect the hotel's name. "Our hotel wasn't smeared by the article. If they were trying to hurt us, they are a liar," he said.

The grand jury is scheduled to meet again next Thursday.