

Seizure of Investigator's Credentials Is Ordered

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Jefferson DA

Gov. John J. McKeithen ordered Tuesday that the state police credentials for Joseph "Zip" Chimento, an investigator for Jefferson Parish District Attorney Frank H. Langridge be seized.

Langridge called Chimento "one of the best employes I have had."

The governor ordered Col. Thomas Burbank, director of the Department of Public Safety, to pick up Chimento's credentials because of statements by Life Magazine.

The publication said Chimento was a collector for Carlos Marcello's jukebox firm before he joined the district attorney's staff.

Chimento would make no comment on the governor's move.

Langridge said he had not been informed of the move by the governor or by the state police. He said, "I will discuss it with Col. Burbank."

The Jefferson DA said Chimento is not his chief investigator. "He is an investigator and a clerk on my staff . . . he is one of the best employes I have had."