

## Supreme Court to Hear MCC-Grand Jury Case

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The Supreme Court of Louisiana Friday agreed to consider whether the Metropolitan Crime Commission is obligated to turn over its financial, membership and other records to the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

At the same time, the court refused to review writs by the commission and David L. Chandler, a Life Magazine correspondent, asking for the recusal of District Attorney Jim Garrison from advising the grand jury.

The court further decided not to review the grand jury subpoena of Chandler.

Since Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm O'Hara requested and was given an indefinite leave of absence, the writs asking the judge be recused from acting as judicial adviser to the grand jury were moot.

The court set for Nov. 10 a hearing on the subpoena duces tecum issued by the grand jury for records of finances, membership and informants of the crime commission. It issued a stay order until that date so the grand jury can not obtain the documents in the meanwhile.

The action by the court Friday means that Chandler will have to appear before the jury. His Supreme Court briefs charged the district attorney had denied Life Magazine stories by Chandler on organized crime and Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

This showed personal animosity, the brief said, and further charged illegal use of the grand jury's subpoena power.

Chandler's brief charged Garrison wants to get him in front of the grand jury to entrap him and then prosecute him for perjury.

It was filed in the Supreme Court when Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff overruled a motion to quash Chandler's subpoena.

Other motions filed for Chandler were to compel Garrison and the grand jury foreman to state in open court the crime under investigation and to give Chandler a copy of questions and answers elicited from Chandler during questioning by an assistant district attorney on Jan. 26.