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ORLEANS CRIME PROBE DELAYED

Grand Jury Waiting to Talk to Aaron Kohn

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury's probe into organized crime was at an impasse Thursday because an invited witness was out of town.

Invited (but not subpoenaed) by the grand jury was Aaron Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission. Kohn was to have appeared Thursday to give additional testimony. He has already testified several times.

Kohn's office reported he had been out of town for over a week and was not expected back before Monday.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Numa Bertell said Kohn would be invited back upon his return.

Kohn, according to Asst. DA Charles Ray Ward, had asked for a police officer to be assigned to him to help prepare more material from his files for the jury's consideration. Ward said the request came at Kohn's most recent appearance in September.

Ward said Sgt. Jerry Lankford of the vice squad was assigned on Sept. 21, and the jury was ready to hear the result of this action.

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