LIFE REPORTER TALKS TO JURY

Appears Voluntarily in Crime Probe

Life magazine reporter David L. Chandler was closeted with the Jefferson Parish grand jury for two hours Monday afternoon, as the jury continued its investigation into allegations of organized crime in Jefferson.

Chandler, who appeared voluntarily before the Jefferson grand jury, has been involved in a court fight in an effort to avoid appearing before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

He told a three-judge federal panel last week that an Orleans grand jury subpena is a form of harassment by the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison. He claims Garrison threatened to "get even" with him by prosecuting him for perjury.

Both Orleans and Jefferson

Both Orleans and Jetterson grand juries are investigating alleged organized crime activities in their parishes as a result of stories appearing in Life magazine.

Jefferson District Attorney Frank H. Langridge initiated an investigation first by his office staff, then placed the matter before the grand jury.

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