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DA Delays Action Against Life Magazine Newsman

Both Sides Must Submit Briefs Wednesday

At a meeting with U.S. District Court Judge James A. Comiskey on Wednesday, the district attorney's office agreed to take no action before next Thursday against Life magazine reporter David L. Chandler.

Chandler was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury this Thursday.

In addition, Judge Comiskey ordered both sides to file writ-

ten briefs with him next Wednesday.

District Attorney Jim Garrison is attempting to get Chandler to testify about information he gave to Life which resulted in three stories saying organized crime exists in New Orleans and Louisiana.

However, Atty. Cicero C. Sessions, representing Chandler, says the DA's office is attempting to prosecute Chandler for perjury.

The briefs will be on Sessions' effort to get a special three-judge court to halt the DA's office from compelling a grand jury appearance by Chandler.

Judge Comiskey last week ruled against Sessions and he went to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The meeting Wednesday between Judge Comiskey and the attorneys for both sides was reportedly suggested by the appellate judges.

Sessions so far has won several postponements of a grand jury appearance by Chandler pending a further court decision.