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## DA Pitcher Given Phone Records for Investigation

### Probes Underworld Link to State Capitol

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—East Baton Rouge Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher has received some telephone records involved in a probe of an underworld link to the state Capitol, it was reported Thursday.

Pitcher said he recently received records relating information on the location of various telephones in the governor's office.

The district attorney has been investigating an alleged connection purportedly in the office of underworld figure Carlos Marcello from which calls were made to a phone in the capitol.

Southern Bell Telephone Co. officials have turned over a series of work sheets which show information about the types and locations of telephones in the governor's suite, Pitcher said.

#### FORMER AIDE

The calls allegedly were made to Aubrey Young, former aide to Gov. John McKeithen. Young has denied receiving them. The phone was located in the office of the House speaker.

Pitcher said he had sent his first assistant, Walter Krousel,

Labor-Management Commission Investigator Ray Beck, and Asst. Atty. Gen. Thom McFerrin to search for the telephone records in New York.

Life Magazine reported the calls in a series of articles on Louisiana crime last fall.

The New Orleans States-Item said it has learned the records once were sought in another investigation by the Queens County District Attorney's Office.

#### CONTACT McFERRIN

McFerrin was contacted in New York. He said he also planned to stop over in Washington in connection with the probe.

McFerrin said he was interested in seeing what information Life Magazine could supply on criminal influence in Louisiana.

Pitcher has been unable to get records of toll calls between the Marcello telephone and the capitol phone.

The States-Item said the Justice Department obtained a resume of the toll records which are subpoenaed by the FBI. A Justice Department official told

Pitcher copies of the toll records were destroyed by the FBI. "If the records are destroyed it would be highly unusual." "I don't believe it," Pitcher