

# Temporary Restraint Issued

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# Judge Bars Garrison From Quizzing Grey

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A federal judge ruled today that Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, does not have to

obey a subpoena to appear before District Attorney Jim Garrison tomorrow.

Garrison had summoned Dr. Grey to answer a charge that he, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, held secret

meetings with a Louisiana Supreme Court justice in connection with the Aaron M. Kohn contempt case.

District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry issued an order temporarily restraining Garrison from "compelling or seeking to compel the attendance of the Rev. J. D. Grey in the office of the district attorney."

THE HIGH COURT threw out a contempt citation against Kohn, the MCC's managing director, for refusing to answer questions before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury concerning organized crime.

In a news conference later at International House, Dr. Grey said he plans to press the matter further in seeking a permanent injunction and intends "to prove in open court" he had no contact with the justices concerning the MCC.

"We do not intend to permit Mr. Garrison to further

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deceive and confuse public understanding by letting ourselves be used as a pawn in his star chamber proceedings," he said.

**DR. GREY SAID** he met with Justice Joe W. Sanders in connection with the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, of which Sanders is chairman and the minister is a member.

He said he also met with Justice Joe B. Hamiter to discuss the mechanics of taking the oath of office as a committee member and to discuss church business. Justice Hamiter is a member of Dr. Grey's church.

**THE MINISTER** emphatically denied that he ever discussed the Kohn case with any Supreme Court justice. "These are the irrefutable facts so distorted by Mr. Garrison in his subpoena."

The action, he said, "stems from Garrison's compulsive drive to discredit and destroy our citizens' crime organization."

Dr. Grey said he would prove in court "that the secret proceedings conducted by Garrison in his office or the grand jury room are used illegally to harass and entrap; that they are not efforts to acquire truth for legal ends."

He said that representatives of the MCC on previous occasions have responded to subpoenas by the DA and his staff and subsequent private testimony "has resulted in public statements by Garrison and (first assistant DA Charles Ray) Ward that which unbelievably distort what was said and done.

"Although we would prefer to respond to Mr. Garrison's subpoena in a routine manner, our experience has proved that he viciously abuses the due process of law."

Judge Christenberry's action followed a hearing in his chambers with Dr. Grey's attorneys and Assistant DA Numa Bertel.

**DR. GREY WAS** represented by attorneys Milton Brener and Herbert Garon.

Judge Christenberry's order said the subpoena is held up "until further orders of this court."