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# New Orleans DA Questions Fourth Man

Known Only As  
Dante Marachini

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The fourth man to be subpoenaed in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's widening assassination probe, Dante Marachini entered Garrison's office Friday grinning broadly.

"I don't know what this darn thing is all about," he told newsmen.

Marachini, 42, works as a "planning and specifications man" at the Chrysler-Michoud missile-manufacturing plant here.

After being questioned for an hour and a half, Marachini left Garrison's office pursued by a crowd of newsmen. He hurried down the steps and ran away.

"What the heck" he shouted. "I know the freedom of the press, but this?"

He did tell newsmen he once operated a bar called Dante's Inferno in the French Quarter.

Three other men have been called into Garrison's office this week. Two left after being questioned. The third, retired executive Clay L. Shaw, was booked on the charge of conspiring to commit "the crime of murder of John F. Kennedy."

Records show that Marachini and Lee Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as the man who killed Kennedy, once were employed at the same time by the same coffee manufacturer here, though in plants a block apart.

Oswald worked in the William B. Reilly Co. plant in the summer of 1963. Marachini was employed that same summer by the Standard Coffee Co. Both companies were owned by W. B. Reilly.

Marachini lives in a middle-class residential area near Lake Pontchartrain. He speaks with a slight accent. He was born in Brooklyn and educated in Italy.

Garrison has said several times he will prove President John F. Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex., as the culmination of a conspiracy started in New Orleans.

In an application for a warrant to search Shaw's home,  
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the district attorney's office said it had evidence that Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and freelance pilot David W. Ferrie met at Ferrie's apartment here in September 1963 and agreed "to kill John F. Kennedy."

Shaw, 54, former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, has emphatically denied any such participation. He said at a news conference Thursday he never knew either Ferrie or Oswald. Shaw, a registered Democrat, told newsmen he greatly admired President Kennedy.

U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said in Washington on Thursday that the FBI had investigated Shaw in late 1963 and cleared him of any link with the assassination. The FBI refused to say why Shaw was questioned.

Shaw's lawyers were reported to be pondering a legal move to take their client's case out of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court.

Two sources, who declined use of their names, said the lawyers would file a motion "as soon as possible" to have a federal court assume jurisdiction. It was not clear what legal tactics would be used.

Edward Wegmann, Shaw's chief attorney, could not be reached for comment.

Garrison was not available for comment. He has said on several occasions he has full jurisdiction since conspiracy to murder is a felony offense under Louisiana law. Conviction carries a prison sentence of one to 20 years.

Shaw was arrested Wednesday night and freed under \$10,000 bond. A preliminary hearing in his case is set for March 14.

Ferrie was found dead in bed Feb. 22. Garrison described him as a central figure in the probe. Ferrie's arrest was imminent at the time of his death, the district attorney said.

Oswald resided in New Orleans from April to September of 1963. The Warren Commission report, which named Oswald as the man who shot Kennedy, said it had no credible evidence to indicate anyone else was involved.

The other two men subpoenaed in Garrison's investigation were Dean Andrews, assistant district attorney in suburban Jefferson Parish — county, and James Lewallen, employe of a missile plant here. Lewallen once roomed with Ferrie. Oswald on occasion asked Andrews for legal advice.