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Marochini Arrested on Bad Check Warrant

A figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation appeared again in the Criminal Courts Building Thursday as a result of an arrest. Garrison's office denies has any connection with the probe.

Dante Marochini, an employe at the Michoud Assembly Facility who was subpoenaed to appear in Garrison's office shortly after the March 1 arrest of conspiracy defendant Clay L. Shaw, was arrested shortly after noon by Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. and chief assistant deputy Barney Kilbride on a bad check warrant from Shelby, N.C.

The warrant was sent from the sheriff of Cleveland County, N.C., directly to Frank Maloche, an investigator in Garrison's office. Maloche turned it over to Sheriff Heyd.

Marochini said he does not

remember the transaction in question, but added that he has the assets to cover it, if it was his fault.

The warrant charges that Marochini wrote out a check for \$113 payable to L. P. Mauney, Rt. 3, Lawnsdale, N.C., in 1961. The check, drawn on the Union Trust Co., Shelby, was not backed up by sufficient funds, the warrant charges.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock said the arrest had "absolutely nothing" to do with Garrison's investigation.

Alcock's theory as to why the arrest should occur after six years was that North Carolina authorities spotted Marochini's name and picture in news accounts after his appearance in Garrison's office four months ago.

Marochini said that he had several crews working in the Shelby area in the housing contracting business in November, 1961.

Marochini refused to discuss the assassination probe Thursday, saying, "We cannot add gasoline or water or anything" that might either excite or cool interest.

His connection with the probe has not been made clear. He was reportedly a friend and neighbor of Shaw.

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