

EX-FERRIE ROOMMATE

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Martens Stab Case Hearing Set

Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert today scheduled a preliminary examination July 8 for Layton P. Martens, 25, a figure in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination probe who was arrested and booked with attempted murder last night.

During a magistrate hearing Judge Bagert set a \$750 bond for Martens, who is accused of stabbing Darryl Gertenschloger, 29, 728 Dumaine, Apt. 401.

Gertenschloger was reported in fair condition at Charity

Hospital following surgery.

THE JUDGE set the bond after Martens' attorney, Milton Berner, presented several statements regarding the incident.

Laurel Ecke, 21, 728 Dumaine, Apt. 401, said in one of the statements that Gertenschloger had abused both her and Martens prior to the stabbing. She said he struck Martens at least twice.

Police said the stabbing took place in Martens' apartment

at 1205 Bourbon following an argument.

During the argument, officers said, Martens went to his kitchen and got an eight-inch butcher knife to protect himself.

Police reported that Gertenschloger charged Martens and was stabbed in the abdomen with the knife.

MARTENS WAS A roommate in 1963 of the late David W. Ferrie, who died just a few days after the DA's probe of President John F.

Kennedy's murder was revealed. Garrison accused Ferrie of being a conspirator in the death of Kennedy.

On April 5, 1967, Martens, who was then a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, was indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for perjury in connection with testimony he gave about two other Garrison probe figures—Gordon Novel and Sergio Archacha Smith.

He has never been brought to trial on the perjury charge.