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CANCLER GIVEN 18-YEAR TERM

DA Probe Figure Cited
as Multiple Offender

A figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot probe was sentenced Friday by Criminal District Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp to 18 years in prison as a multiple offender.

John "The Baptist" Cancler was convicted in February of simple burglary. Through his attorney Milton Brener, he asked a new trial after producing a Parish Prison inmate who confessed to the burglary. It was Cancler's third conviction.

Judge Schulingkamp denied the new trial motion on July 17 and a plea to set aside a multiple offender count lodged against Cancler by the DA's office. Cancler's attorney claimed significant new evidence, namely the confession by Donnell Carroll who said he burglarized the house with a friend known only as "Wolf."

However, at the hearing on the new trial motion May 2, a witness to the burglary, Dr. Morris Kloor, 7107 Maple, said Carroll was not the man seen entering the house.

Cancler, a Negro, told a television audience last month that he was asked by two of Garrison's assistants to break into the home of accused Kennedy plot conspirator Clay Shaw, and put something there. Cancler said he refused.

In July, he was sentenced to six months imprisonment and a \$500 fine after he refused to repeat his charges before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. He was brought before Judge Bernard J. Bagert and asked whether the televised statements were true. He refused to answer, and Judge Bagert cited him for contempt of court.