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## Sheridan to Face Grand Jury Today

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National Broadcasting Co. newsman Walter Sheridan was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury as he was posting bond Tuesday on a charge of public bribery.

Sheridan is accused of bribing Baton Rouge insurance man Perry Raymond Russo, a major witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's presidential assassination conspiracy case.

In other assassination probe developments in Criminal District Court Tuesday:

—Dean A. Andrews Jr., already scheduled to go to trial in August on a perjury indictment, was charged again in a direct bill of information from the district attorney's office with perjury in grand jury testimony.

—Richard Townley, a newsman for WDSU-TV, an NBC affiliate, pleaded not guilty to three charges which allege public bribery and intimidation of Russo and Marlene Mancuso, another probe figure.

### PROFESSES INNOCENCE

Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. personally served the grand jury subpoena as Sheridan's attorney, Milton E. Brenner, arrived in the office of the clerk of court with \$5,000 in cash for bond money. The subpoena orders him to appear at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Earlier a certified check for the amount drawn on a New York City bank was not accepted by the clerk's office, and Sheridan was standing by while Brenner got the cash.

Sheridan said in brief remarks to newsmen that he was not guilty of bribing Russo and that Garrison is using his power to intimidate newsmen.

"Mr. Garrison has used his office . . . to intimidate the media . . . to prevent them from inquiring into his inquiry. My only purpose in pursuing

this in the first place was to find the truth," Sheridan said.

### MAKES REQUEST

While Sheridan was waiting for Brenner at the clerk's office, two of Garrison's assistants walked down the hall, noticed Sheridan, and returned to the district attorney's office. About 20 minutes later one of Garrison's investigators handed the subpoena to Sheriff Heyd, who had also been standing by the clerk's office with warden A. J. Falkenstein.

After posting bond, Brenner went to Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp with a motion to allow Sheridan to leave the jurisdiction of Orleans Parish provided that he return on 48 hours' notice. He said this has no bearing on Sheridan's appearance Wednesday.

Townley, at his arraignment, was granted nine days in which to file defense pleadings. He was arrested last week and remains free under \$7,500 bond.

Andrews faces an Aug. 9 trial on a perjury indictment stemming from Grand Jury testi-

mony in which he said he could not say whether or not conspiracy defendant Clay L. Shaw and the man he knew as Clay Bertrand are the same person. Garrison has listed "Clay Bertrand" as an alias used by Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman.

The latest charge cites sections of testimony given on June 28, the day Andrews came forward and identified French Quarter bar owner Eugene C. Davis as the Clay Bertrand who had called him about representing accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. Davis has denied that he ever used the name Clay Bertrand.

### TELLS OF RECEPTION

Andrews' testimony cited in the charge follows:

"Question by James L. Alcock, assistant district attorney.

"Q. Dean, do you know the real Clay . . .

"A. The man I believe is Gene Davis, and if you ask him he'll call me a crocosack of lies . . .

"Q. Now what leads you to believe that this is Clay Bertrand?

"A. Because I believe it. I am the only one who has to account for myself.

"Q. What basis do you have?

"A. Helen Gert—back in the '50s, at the fag wedding reception I was telling you all about, introduced me to Davis as Clay Bertrand.

"Q. And this was the man who was introduced to you as Clay Bertrand?

"A. Right.

"Q. Have you talked to this man on the phone recently?

"A. I talk to him almost ev-

ery day. I have known him a long time.

**'NOT THAT WAY'**

"Q. Your testimony now is that this is the man who sent clients to your office? Talked to you on behalf of homosexuals?"

"A. This is the man who sent clients to my office, sometimes they were fags, sometimes they weren't.

"Q. Is this the man who called you in the hospital and asked you to represent Lee Harvey Oswald?"

"A. This is the man I believe called me. I believe—what you all believe is your affair.

"Question by grand juror:

"Q. In your mind, this is Clay Bertrand? The man who called you down through the years representing homosexuals?"

"A. No, he didn't do it that way. That's the way I said it. Put it into the Warren Commission report—everybody picks it up from there and goes with it. I never said it other than in the Warren Report.

**BURNES' QUESTIONS**

"Question by Richard V. Burnes, assistant district attorney:

"Q. I asked you if you ever heard from Clay Bertrand after the time you were called about representing Lee Oswald in the assassination and the answer was, 'I ain't seen nor heard of him since.'

"A. Not from Clay Bertrand 'cause I call him Gene Davis. You are right, I told you that, and I ain't seen hide nor hair of him nor heard from Clay Bertrand . . . other than one time I remember when I was with Regis up there, I call him Gene, I was introduced to the man one time.

"Q. Did this man change appearance and change personality with the name change?"

"A. No.

"Q. He still looked the same?"

"A. No, he has changed, he

is fat like man, he's aged."