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Novel in Nashville?

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Gordon Novel who brought New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's assassination probe to Columbus by being caught here, is among the missing again—this time reportedly wounded.

A Nashville, Tenn., radio station told police there Sunday that Novel, 29, was wounded in the left shoulder by one of five shots fired at the station's news wagon.

POLICE THERE say they have little evidence yet to support the report.

"I have my own ideas about the situation," a Nashville officer said Monday, "but I can't say them for publication."

For the record, the police lieutenant reported there were holes in the radio news wagon that "appeared to be bullet holes and something that might be blood on a door handle."

HE SAID police were not notified of the alleged incident until 14 to 16 hours after it supposedly occurred.

Police have not been able to find Novel or Gary Edwards, a Nashville radio newsman who reportedly witnessed the shooting.

According to reports on the Nashville radio station, Novel suffered a minor shoulder wound during a barrage of gunfire outside Edwards' apartment at 2 a.m. Sunday.

A DISC jockey at the station said Novel was in town to assist Edwards in preparing news shows in which tape recordings made by Novel while working with Garrison's staff would be played.

The radio station reported the information would "blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

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The disc jockey said the tapes would show the "thing is a fraud."

RADIO PERSONNEL said they "couldn't talk" about where Novel or their newsman are, but they were planning to go ahead and release the first of the tapes sometime Monday.

Meanwhile, police are anxious to talk to both.

"We know he (Novel) wasn't treated for any wounds here in Nashville," the officer related.

POLICE SAID there were unconfirmed reports Novel may have been treated "someplace in Kentucky" while heading back to Columbus.

Novel had been in Columbus several weeks awaiting extradition proceedings to Louisiana where he has been subpoenaed as a material witness by Garrison.

HE COULD not be located here Monday.

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Nashville Police Probe Report of

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Police detectives continued their investigation Monday into the reported shooting of Gordon Novel but insisted they were acting only on "second hand" information, since no formal complaint was filed.

Novel, wanted as a material witness in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation, was said to have been nicked in the shoulder by one of several bullets reportedly fired into a news van belonging to Radio Station WKDA.

GARY EDWARDS, WKDA news director, said the shoot-

Novel Shooting

ing occurred early Sunday as he and Novel parked the van outside Edwards' apartment.

Police Lt. Noble Brymer said Monday an investigation began 14 hours after the shooting allegedly occurred.

"WE HAVE HAD no official complaint" that an attempt was made on Novel's life, Brymer said, but police began investigating after news media requested information.

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"There appeared to be several bullet holes in the truck," Brymer said, "and there was a little blood on the door handle. We haven't had it analyzed yet."

Novel Still Missing After Bullet Wound

Glib-talking Gordon Novel is still missing, reportedly nursing a wounded shoulder somewhere between Columbus and Nashville, Tenn.

Novel, wanted as a material witness in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, was reported to have been nipped in the shoulder by a bullet while sitting in a radio station news van Sunday night in Nashville.

NASHVILLE POLICE have not heard from Novel.

Spokesmen for the radio station promised Monday that Novel's long awaited tale exposing Garrison's investigation would be broadcast.

Novel's revelation, which he repeatedly threatened to make public in Columbus, still had not been aired in Nashville Tuesday morning.

NOVEL WAS arrested in Gahanna April 1, on a charge of conspiracy to commit simple burglary in Houma, La. An effort by Louisiana authorities to extradite Novel failed about a month ago because Governor Rhodes' office declared the official request to be faulty.

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