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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

The States-Item learned today that District Attorney Jim Garrison has been given testimony that William David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald were seen together in New Orleans shortly before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

This is in direct contradiction to Ferrie's statements before his death that he did not know Oswald.

GARRISON'S investigators were told by a New Orleans area law officer that he was making a routine check on Breakwater dr. at the lakefront in the early morning hours in the fall of 1963 when he found two men sitting in a parked car.

One of the men identified himself as Oswald, the officer said. The States-Item's informant was not clear on how the other man identified himself. But the officer has since identified Ferrie's body positively as that of the man he saw in the car.

The officer took the pair to his headquarters where his superior declined to arrest them on the grounds there was insufficient evidence they were guilty of any wrongdoing.

AFTER THE assassination, the officer said, he recognized Oswald's face and name from the pictures when he was accused of killing the President. He said he took no action because it was well-known that Oswald had lived in New Orleans.

Last week, when Ferrie's name was prominently linked to the probe, the officer gave the DA's office his information.

Ferrie, who was found dead Feb. 21, has been called by Garrison a key figure in his investigation of a possible conspiracy in the slaying of the President.

Garrison planned later today to issue a summary of the progress made in his investigation.

ALSO DUE later today was a news conference by Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. Nicholas Chetta, who was expected to reveal that Ferrie's death has been classified as from natural causes.

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~~Dr. Chetta~~ has said ~~pre-~~  
viously that murder and suicide  
were unlikely causes of Fer-  
rie's death, but an official  
classification has been held  
up pending results of toxio-  
~~logical~~ tests.