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Denies Ferrie Man Seen with Oswald Here

A New Orleans law officer has told investigators for the district attorney that he picked up Lee Harvey Oswald on the lakefront here in late 1962.

The officer denied to newsmen an earlier report that he picked up David William Ferrie at the same time.

The States-Item learned that the officer was questioned by investigators on an incident in which he found Oswald and another man in a parked car on Breakwater dr.

HE BROUGHT the two to headquarters, where they were released when it was determined there was no evidence on which to base a charge against them.

Several persons who asked that their identities be withheld, said the officer told them the second man picked up was Ferrie, who Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has said is a key figure in his investigation of a plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Before Ferrie's death last Wednesday, he had maintained that he never met Oswald.

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 the Ferrie matter arose, he came forward with information and was questioned by the DA's investigators.

HE DENIED A report by the States-Item in earlier editions today that he told the

investigators he picked up Ferrie and Oswald together.

In another development today, Gov. John J. McKeithen said he has instructed Col. Thomas D. Burbank, state safety director, to "cooperate fully" with Garrison in his probe.

Burbank, superintendent of state police, has been told to give Garrison any assistance that may be requested or desired.

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