



Beckham entered the jury morn about the arms manutes after he loss a bid. estioning e an attorney accompany

with Judge Matthew S. Braniff seeking to acting as his own attorney, filed a motion The cowboy singer from Omaha, Neb.,

> lated. the grounds that his civil rights would be vioprevent his appearance before the

the Kennedy assass HE CLAIMED

tending that the witness had nothing to fear

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THOMPSON, many times candidate for mayor of fore the Orleans Parish Grand Jury today. New Orleans, prior to Beckham's appearance befrom Omaha, Neb., confers with A. ROSWELL THOMAS E. BECKHAM, left, the reluctant witness

if he told the truth.

doors," Beckham protested. "But it'll be behind closed

deputy sheriff to accompany side the jury room. Beckham to the corridor out-Judge Braniff instructed a

rison made a brief appearance before the jury. There he waited until Gar-

the men who conspired to kill the President in Dallas in Ferrie, a key figure in Gar-rison's investigation and iden-tified by the DA as one of that the singer was an asso-ciate of the late David W. Beckham, In his original subpena for Garrison alleged

ordained priests in the "old Orthodox Catholic Church of Beckham and Ferrie both as Beckham was in Dallas in No-North America." The docuvember of 1963. THE SUBPENA identified * further alleged

testify here, was granted a delay on Feb. 1 on grounds The witness, after being or-dered by an Omaha court to

elected state Rep. Edward H.

mayor and other offices. multi-times without counsel, accompanied by A. Roswell Thompson, a But today, he entered court candidate

appearance without counsel." conferring with an attorney. restraining order on personal It was labeled a "request for drew up the legal document Beckham told the court he

jury is possible. criminate himself, but now would not be forced to inby the Omaha court that he himself before the Orleans finds that incrimination of HE CLAIMED he was told

Judge Braniff asked the witness who would act as his supply him with an attorney. attorney if he granted the motion. Beckham replied that he thought the court would the

ment if he were asked quesned to cite the Fifth Amendincriminate him. tions that he believed would Beckham indicated he plan-