

# Grand Jury Indictment Still Not Released

ANNAPOLIS (AP) — Officials in the Anne Arundel County Courthouse, saying they had been unable to inform the suspect, refused again Thursday to reveal the identity of the Marylander indicted by a grand jury probing Republican campaign finances.

Martin Wolf, deputy county state's attorney, said the defendant is slated to come to the courthouse early next week to be served formally with the indictment charging violations of the state election code.

Rules laid down by Chief Judge Matthew S. Evans of the County Circuit Court forbid the release of an indictment until the suspect has been formally served with it, either by coming to the courthouse or having

it presented by a sheriff's deputy.

Evans said he would modify the rule and permit release of the suspect's name after the man had been informed of the charges. The judge added, however, that "he hasn't been informed by the court."

"The defendant himself is outside the state on a vacation," the judge continued. "I understand he's not returning to the state until Monday."

Wolf issued a terse prepared statement Thursday saying that "the state's attorney's office has been in contact with counsel who wishes to remain anonymous at this time."

"We have been advised that the defendant will appear to accept service early next week," the statement said. "No further

information will be released at this time."

Evans said that while the lawyer had been informed, the attorney was unsure of his exact status on the case and did not want to authorize release of the suspect's identity.

The suspect was named in a four-count indictment returned Wednesday by the county grand jury, which is investigating the falsification of records submitted by the "Salute to Ted Agnew Night Committee."

The jury began the probe after Alexander Lankler, the state GOP chairman, admitted that the committee hid for nearly a year a \$49,900 contribution from the National Finance Committee to Reelect the President.

The money was concealed in

a committee report filed June 15, 1972, under the names of 31 persons who, Lankler said, in fact did not contribute. Four persons on the bogus list appeared before the jury.

Lankler said the money was merely a loan from the national campaign treasury in order to make it appear the Agnew affair had broader individual support than it had.

The false report and one filed about two weeks ago admitting the actual fund source were signed and certified as "complete and accurate" by B.H. Wharton, a Baltimore banker who was treasurer of the Agnew affair committee.

Lankler has been available to the media since the story first broke, but Wharton's office has constantly said the banker has

been on vacation. Last week, the Washington Post and the Baltimore News-American printed conversations with Wharton. The newspapers said he had been contacted in Pittsburgh.