

~~AMERICAN ALLIED 1ST LEAD B127DAY (370)~~

BISMARCK, N.D., MARCH 27 (AP)-DAVID R. KROM

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<sup>N</sup>, ONE OF THE FIVE DEFENDANTS IN THE AMERICAN ALLIED INSURANCE CO. FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY TRIAL HERE, WAS ORDERED LATE TODAY TO UNDERGO A MENTAL EXAMINATION.

KROMAN WAS LED FROM THE COURTROOM BY TWO FEDERAL MARSHALS, BOUND FOR THE U.S. MEDICAL FACILITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

FEDERAL JUDGE EDWARD J. DEVITT ORDERED KROMAN TO THE FACILITY FOR AN EXAMINATION FOR "45 DAYS MORE OR LESS, WHATEVER IS NECESSARY."

DEVITT DECLARED A MISTRIAL FOR KROMAN BUT NOT THE OTHER FOUR DEFENDANTS AND SEVERED HIM FROM THE OTHERS IN THE CURRENT TRIAL.

THE COURT'S ACTION CAME AFTER KROMAN WAS FOUND IN HIS CAR ABOUT 70 FEET OFF THE SHOULDER OF INTERSTATE 94, SOME 20 MILES EAST OF BISMARCK THIS MORNING. THE HIGHWAY PATROL SAID KROMAN WAS IN A SEMI-CONSCIOUS STATE AND UNDER QUESTIONING BY DEVITT LATER, KROMAN ADMITTED HE HAD A LOADED SHOTGUN IN THE CAR.

HE RELATED HE DROVE OFF THE ROAD BECAUSE A CAR WHICH HAD BEEN FOLLOWING HIM PULLED ALONGSIDE AND A GUN WAS TRUST OUT OF THE WINDOW OF THE OTHER VEHICLE.

KROMAN HAD TOLD NEWSMEN EARLIER HE WOULD HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 8:30 A.M. FRIDAY TO MAKE REVELATIONS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY.

U.S. ATTY. PATRICK FOLEY ASKED THAT KROMAN BE GIVEN A MENTAL EXAMINATION AT BISMARCK, BUT DEVITT REPLIED THAT KROMAN HAS SAID HE WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH A PSYCHIATRIST HERE.

FOLEY ARGUED THAT KORMAN COULD "STILL MAKE NOISE AND ISSUE PRESS RELEASES WHETHER HE IS IN OR OUT OF THE TRIAL."

DEVITT REPLIED: "THESE OTHER DEFENDANTS SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO GO TO TRIAL WITH MR. KROMAN IF HE IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS PUBLICITY WHICH EVENTUALLY MAY REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON THEM"

DEVITT EXCUSED THE JURY UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW. HE CAUTIONED THEM TO AVOID TALKING ABOUT, READING ABOUT OR WATCHING TELEVISION IN REGARD TO PROGRESS OF THE TRIAL.

ATTORNEY FRANK OLIVER, REPRESENTING DEFENDANT PHILLIP KITZER JR., CHICAGO, RESERVED THE RIGHT TO MAKE A MOTION OF HIS OWN TOMORROW MORNING.

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ALSO ON TRIAL ARE PHILLIP KITZER SR., CHICAGO; CYRUS HAGNUSSON, MINNESOTA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER NOW ON LEAVE, AND GEORGE HRUBAN, WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN., A FORMER DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN ALLIED.

KROMAN SAID THE INCIDENT IN WHICH HE WAS FORCED OFF THE HIGHWAY THIS MORNING WAS CONNECTED WITH HIS INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE KENNEDY IN NOVEMBER 1963.

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BISMARCK, N.D., MARCH 27 (AP)-A DEFENDANT IN A FEDERAL MAIL FRAUD CASE HINTED TODAY THAT HE'S BEEN MARKED FOR ASSASSINATION.

DAVID R. KROMAN, MINNEAPOLIS ATTORNEY AND FORMER INSURANCE COMPANY EXECUTIVE, WAS FOUND EARLY TODAY IN A SEMI-CONSCIOUS CONDITION IN A RENTED CAR ON A LONELY STRETCH OF HIGHWAY 20 MILES EAST OF BISMARCK.

KROMAN SAID THE INCIDENT WAS CONNECTED WITH HIS INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN NOVEMBER, 1963.

KROMAN SAID TWO CARS STARTED FOLLOWING HIM ABOUT 80 MILES AFTER HE LEFT MINNEAPOLIS, ON HIS WAY TO BISMARCK FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE TRIAL TODAY.

"I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THE DETAILS," KROMAN SAID. "I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GET HERE."

DR. GERD FISCHER, AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, SAID KROMAN'S CONDITION WAS CAUSED BY AN EPILEPTIC SEIZURE. BUT KROMAN SAID THAT WASN'T SO.

KROMAN SAID HE STARTED AN INVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY CASE IN 1963, "WHEN CERTAIN STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY A CUBAN IN REGARD TO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SINCE THAT TIME I'VE PURSUED THE KENNEDY INVESTIGATION IN DALLAS, MIAMI, KEY WEST, LAS VEGAS, NEW ORLEANS AND KANSAS CITY."

KROMAN IS ONE OF FIVE DEFENDANTS BEING TRIED ON FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY CHARGES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLAPSE OF AMERICAN ALLIED INSURANCE CO. OF ST. PAUL, MINN.

THE GOVERNMENT CONTENDS THE DEFENDANTS PARTICIPATED IN A SCHEME TO SIPHON SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSETS OF THE HIGH-RISK AUTO INSURANCE FIRM WHICH LED TO ITS COLLAPSE. KROMAN WAS AN OFFICER OF AN AMERICAN ALLIED SUBSIDIARY.

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