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New 'Solution' In JFK Death

BISMARCK (N.D.) — (UPI) — An attorney who said he knew who killed President Kennedy was found today in his car near here with a shotgun across his legs and partially paralyzed by an apparent epileptic seizure.

The attorney is David R. Kroman, 43, a one-time lawyer for the Minnesota Insurance Department, an unsuccessful independent Democratic candidate for attorney general in the last Minnesota election, and currently a defendant in a \$3 million suit.

He had planned to hold a news conference here tonight to tell his story and had indicated he might "name names."

Earlier he had claimed to have a statement from the Dallas cab driver, now dead, who picked up Lee Harvey Oswald after the shooting of Kennedy.

'SOLVED'

However, in a hospital bedside news conference early this afternoon, Kroman said "the assassination is solved." He said he would reveal the name of Kennedy's killer within the next few days.

Kroman also said his car was forced off the road near here early today by two cars "which picked me up about 80 miles west of Minneapolis" and followed him into North Dakota.

He said he was driving back from Minneapolis with documents "regarding the assassination."

A North Dakota State Highway patrolman found Kroman in his locked car at 4 a.m. 24 miles east of Bismarck. The attorney, he

said, was incoherent at the time.

Moved to a hospital here, a doctor said Kroman apparently had suffered from an epileptic seizure.

Kroman, who has told friends he has been in touch with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, has been conducting his own investigation into the assassination.

Richard E. Olson, another attorney, said Kroman had armed himself after "at least three attempts on his life because of what he knew about the assassination."

The most recent attack was reported in Bismarck a week ago.

CHALLENGE

Kroman and four other men are on trial in U.S. Court in Bismarck charged with fraud and conspiracy in the collapse of the American Allied Insurance Co. of St. Paul, Minn.

The defendants, who also include former Minnesota Insurance Commissioner Cyrus Magnuson, are accused

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of siphoning off more than \$3 million from the firm.

Meanwhile, Gordon Novel, Garrison's elusive witness, today issued a telephone challenge to the New Orleans D.A. to prove by lie detector that his investigation is a fraud.

Novel, a former night club owner, who slipped out of New Orleans shortly before the grand jury was to subpoena him last week, would not say where he was calling from.

At the same time Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. today advised Garrison and defense attorneys not to make public statements regarding the upcoming trial of Clay L. Shaw, the New Orleans businessman indicted for conspiracy in the assassination. Haggerty will preside over the trial.

WOMAN NAMED

Garrison's office, later in the day, obtained a court order for the arrest of a former New Orleans woman who contradicted testimony of



JUDGE HAGGERTY Urges hushup

Garrison's star witness against Shaw.

Bond was set at \$5,000 for Sandra Moffitt, "alias Lilly Mae McMaines," of Omaha, Neb. She was ordered picked up as a material witness.

Perry R. Russo, a 25-year-old Baton Rouge, La., insurance salesman, testified in Shaw's preliminary hearing March 14-17 that he attended a party with Miss Moffitt in September of 1963 at which Shaw allegedly helped plot Kennedy's death.

But he young woman told newsmen in Omaha last week that she did not go to the party held at the home of David Ferrie, found dead three weeks ago, and that she never met Ferrie until 1965.