

'Plot' Figure Found; Calls D.A. a 'Fraud'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—Gordon Novel, a former nightclub operator wanted as a material witness in the investigation of the alleged Kennedy assassination plot, was arrested Saturday in suburban Gahanna.

Novel was taken by four policemen to the police department here.

He had visited friends in the area several times since he fled New Orleans.

The 29-year-old Novel issued a statement shortly after his arrest in which he called New Orleans District Atty. James Garrison "the fraud of the century."

He congratulated the small Gahanna police department on its work in capturing him.

"They are to be praised in doing what the supposed master crime solver and Cardiff giant, Mr. Jim Garrison, with all of his police state inquisition power, money, intimidation and harassment couldn't do," Novel said.

Novel said he would fight

extradition to New Orleans.

"Unless I am kidnapped or killed by the witch hunters of Louisiana their days of perpetration of this monstrous legal fraud are numbered," he said.

Gahanna patrolman Charles Barnette said the department acted on a tip and discovered Novel was rooming in a house across the street from the police station.

He was arrested as he parked his car in front of the house.