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Jury Indicts Roommate Of Ferrie In JFK 'Plot'

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NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Jim Garrison's controversial Kennedy assassination conspiracy probe has spawned its second perjury indictment.

Layton Patrick Martens, 24, a college student who once lived with David W. Ferrie, was indicted yesterday by the Orleans Parish (County) grand jury on a charge he lied under oath.

"It's an attempt by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison to discredit any

John F. Kennedy.

Garrison accused Shaw of meeting with Lee Harvey Oswald and Ferrie in Ferrie's apartment here in September 1963 to talk over an assassination attempt. Shaw said he never knew Oswald or Ferrie. Both men are dead.

Kennedy was killed in Dallas, Tex., Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission named Oswald, a former New Orleans resident, as the assassin.

Marten's indictment was based on his testimony of March 29 while being questioned before the grand jury by Garrison in regard to the burglary of an explosives storage bunker near Houma, La.

Burglary Enters Probe

The burglary entered the assassination probe when Garrison filed conspiracy to burglary charges against Gordon Novel, 29, and Sergio Arcacha Smith — both wanted for questioning in the probe.

The relationship of the burglary to the alleged conspiracy was never spelled out.

Novel sold his night club here and left town after an appearance before the grand jury. He was arrested in a Columbus, Ohio suburb last Saturday on warrants sworn by Garrison. Free on \$10,000 bond, he said he would fight extradition.

Cuban Refugee

Arcacha, a Cuban refugee who once headed an anti-Castro organization here, now lives in Dallas. He was arrested on Garrison's warrants there and freed under \$1,500 bond. He also said he will fight extradition.

In Houma Wednesday, Dist. Atty. Wilmore Broussard filed burglary charges against Novel and Arcacha in connection with the 1961 break-in at the bunker. The bunker, owned by Schlumberger Well Co., is used to store explosives used in oil exploration.



Layton P. Martens
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and all witnesses who did not bolster the Garrison investigation," said Martens in Lafayette, La.

"Test Was Positive"

"I took a lie detector test in Garrison's office last December and it was positive in my favor."

Arrangement was made for Martens to surrender at the sheriff's office today, with bond set at \$2,500.

The indictment was issued about three hours after Clay L. Shaw, 54, a retired New Orleans executive, pleaded innocent at arraignment in Criminal District Court on a charge of conspiring to murder President