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 Case Fabrication**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Gordon Novel, subpoenaed as a material witness in the New Orleans investigation of an alleged Kennedy assassination plot, was released on bond Tuesday and said he would "blow the case wide open."

"I'm going to prove the investigation is a complete fabrication," Novel said of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination inquiry. "I'm going to blow the case wide open."

Novel, 29, a former New Orleans nightclub operator, left city jail under \$10,000 bond.

He was arrested near here last Saturday and charged with being a fugitive from justice. Garrison filed a conspiracy to commit burglary charge against him.

As Novel left city jail he told newsmen Garrison's investigation was motivated by "political ambition."

"I'm not afraid of anything,

except Mr. Garrison on occasion," he said. "I'm afraid for the people around me because I'm the only one who can expose Garrison."

Novel said the bond money was supplied by friends in New Orleans.

"You wouldn't believe the pressure being put on my friends in New Orleans," he said.

"Right now things are like a pressure cooker down there. There is no such thing as a court of law in New Orleans right now."

Novel said he worked as an investigator for Garrison until he became convinced the alleged assassination plot was nonexistent.

He produced a card that he said was signed by Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen certifying Novel as "a brigadier general" on the governor's staff. Novel's extradition hearing is scheduled for May 3.