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NASHVILLE, Tenn. AP --A radio station official told police Sunday that Gordon Novel, a figure in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination, was wounded by sniper fire here earlier in the day.

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NOVEL CORRECTION

Nashville, Novel, A123NS, sub for 2nd graf to correct Novel spelling: day. ✓

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Walker said Novel, 29, suffered a minor shoulder wound during a barrage of gunfire outside the apartment of WKDA news director Gary Edwards.

Immediately after the shooting, Walker said, Novel and Edwards left Nashville for Columbus, Ohio, where Novel is awaiting extradition proceedings to Louisiana. The former nightclub operator has been subpoenaed as a material witness by Garrison.

The radio official said Novel was in Nashville at the request of the station and had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

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