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COLUMBUS, OHIO (AP)-GORDON NOVEL, ONCE DESCRIBED AS A "MOST IMPORTANT AND MATERIAL WITNESS" IN THE NEW ORLEANS PROBE INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WAS RELIEVED OF LEGAL TIES HERE MONDAY BECAUSE NEW ORLEANS OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN HIM, OFFICIALS SAID.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE WILLIAM T. GILLIE DISMISSED THREE PENDING EXTRADITION CASES AGAINST THE 29-YEAR-OLD FORMER NIGHT CLUB OWNER.

GILLIE ACTED AFTER SPOKESMEN FOR THE SUBURBAN GAHANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT SAID NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTY. JIM GARRISON DID NOT REPLY TO PHONE CALLS AND TELEGRAMS ASKING ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS TO SECURE CUSTODY OF NOVEL.

IT WAS GARRISON WHO ONCE DESCRIBED NOVEL AS A "MOST IMPORTANT AND MATERIAL WITNESS" IN THE PROBE.

"WE'VE NOT HEARD ANYTHING FOR TWO MONTHS. WE'RE ALL SICK AND TIRED OF THIS," THE OFFICER TOLD JUDGE GILLIE.

NOVEL'S ATTORNEY, JERRY WEINER, IN ARGUING FOR DISMISSAL OF THREE "VAGUE" AFFIDAVITS, CITED A COURT DECISION HERE TWO MONTHS AGO BY JUDGE BRUCE JENKINS.

AT THAT TIME, JENKINS CONTENDED THE DEADLINE TO EXTRADITE NOVEL WAS 60 DAYS, POINTING OUT THAT IF "THEY (LOUISIANA AUTHORITIES) DON'T DO SOMETHING BY THAT TIME THEY ARE OUT OF BUSINESS."

WEINER ALSO SAID THERE WERE NO VALID PAPERS IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS OF LAST FRIDAY TO LEGALLY DETAIN NOVEL WHO HAS BEEN FREE ON \$10,000 BOND.

HE SAID ALL THE EXTRADITION PAPERS SENT HERE FAILED TO ESTABLISH WHETHER NOVEL WAS WANTED AS A MATERIAL WITNESS OR A FUGITIVE.

THE PAPERS' ONLY MENTION OF SPECIFIC CHARGES ALLEGED THAT NOVEL CONSPIRED OR PARTICIPATED IN THE BURGLARY OF A MUNITIONS DUMP AT HOUMA, LA.

PICKED UP BY GAHANNA POLICE MAY 1 ON THAT CHARGE, NOVEL INSISTED IT WAS TRUMPED UP AND THAT GARRISON ACTUALLY WAS SEEKING HIS RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS FOR "USE" IN GARRISON'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE. NOVEL HAS MAINTAINED ALL ALONG THE GARRISON PROBE IS A FRAUD.

NOVEL SAID HE STILL WILL RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS TO PRESS \$50 MILLION IN CIVIL SUITS HE HAS FILED OR WILL FILE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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