

N. B. C. NEWSMAN WINS COURT STAY

Grand Jury Appearance in
'Plot' Inquiry Delayed

NEW ORLEANS, July 28 (AP)—The State Supreme Court stepped in hours before the Orleans Parish County Grand jury convened today and stayed a subpoena ordering a television newsman to appear for questioning.

The action came on an appeal filed by Walter J. Sheridan of Washington, an investigative reporter for the National Broadcasting Company. Mr. Sheridan went to the high court last night after a criminal district court judge overruled his motions to quash the subpoena and to bar District Attorney Jim Garrison from any grand jury proceedings against him.

Three judges of the Supreme Court said the exact ruling of the district court had not been received and therefore they were unable to pass on the issue before the grand jury convened at 2 P.M. All proceedings were stayed until further orders of the court.

Mr. Garrison and District Judge Bernard J. Bagert were given until Aug. 8 to file answers to Mr. Sheridan's plea for dismissal of the subpoena.

At the hearing yesterday, Judge Bagert overruled Mr. Sheridan's motions and said he would have to appear at a grand jury session.

The defense contends Mr. Garrison is animated by anger because of Mr. Sheridan's investigation of an alleged conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Mr. Sheridan is charged with attempted bribery after an N.B.C. program that examined the District Attorney's case in critical detail. He is said to have offered a bribe to Perry Raymond Russo, a Garrison witness who says he overheard plotters in a conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy.