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NEW ORLEANS (AP)--JUDGE BERNARD J. BAGERT WEDNESDAY DISMISSED THE CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF JOHN CANCLER ON CHARGES OF CONTEMPT OF COURT. JUDGE BAGERT, OF CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT, SAID HE TOOK THE ACTION AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON. GARRISON AIDES SAID THEY FEARED THE CONTEMPT CONVICTION WOULD BE REVERSED IN FEDERAL COURT.

THE CONTEMPT CITATION WAS THE RESULT OF CANCLER'S REFUSAL TO REPEAT, BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY, STATEMENTS HE MADE IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED PROGRAM. CANCLER'S REMARKS ON TV WERE CRITICAL OF GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

HE WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IN JAIL, A \$500 FINE, OR A YEAR IN JAIL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF THE FINE.

CANCLER ALREADY WAS UNDER SENTENCE OF 18 YEARS FOR SIMPLE BURGLARY. THIS CONVICTION IS ON APPEAL.
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