

GARRISON, PITCHER TRADE DATA

Subpena Expected by Partin

Edward G. Partin, the Teamster official whose testimony helped send Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa to jail, says he "assumes" he will be asked to appear before the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury in its probe of organized crime.

Partin spent about two hours yesterday with the jury in a voluntary appearance. He was not under subpena.

The latest grand jury visit by the controversial business agent for Local No. 5 in Baton Rouge grew out of his allegations earlier this week that two plots were made to assassinate him, one within the past two weeks.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS yesterday in the statewide crime probe included:

—East Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher revealed that he has conferred with Orleans Parish DA Jim Garrison to exchange information on their twin crime probes.

—The Orleans Parish jury heard two witnesses yesterday, attorneys Ross Scaccia and Lee Leonard. Scaccia is a former assistant DA under Garrison.

—Life magazine reporter David L. Chandler lost a bid in federal court to prevent Garrison from subpoenaing him to appear before the grand jury. Life stories of organized crime activity in Louisiana sparked the crime probes.

Pitcher said in Baton Rouge that he and Garrison wanted to keep each other informed on the progress of the probes. He said he met with Garrison Wednesday.

GARRISON'S OFFICE gave no reasons for subpoenaing Scaccia and Leonard. Scaccia said he was not suspected of any wrongdoing.

He said that in his four years in the DA's office, he was in charge of vice and narcotics investigations, and frequently had been called in to give information about these matters.

Chandler's motion for a restraining order against Garrison was turned down by Federal District Judge James E. Comiskey.

Chandler had charged that Garrison intended to trap him into perjuring himself before the jury.

The judge ordered attorneys for Chandler and Garrison to submit briefs by Nov. 13 on Chandler's request for a three-judge federal panel to hear his case.

THE EAST BATON Rouge jury also heard more testimony yesterday from Aubrey Young, the former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen whose testimony led to a public bribery indictment against New Orleans contractor D'Alton Smith. Pitcher said the proposed \$25,000 payoff

was part of a scheme to buy Hoffa's way out of prison.

Partin earlier testified before a federal grand jury in New Orleans concerning his claims that a \$1 million bribe was offered to him to change his testimony in the Hoffa jury-tampering suit.

A motion which his attorneys filed in U. S. District Court in Baton Rouge alleged that James H. Gill, manager of the Baton Rouge Industrial Contractors Association, carried the bribe offer to him. The same motion mentioned the assassination plots against Partin.

Gill has denied the charge. He accused Partin of trying to draw blame away from himself for causing a massive shutdown of industrial and other construction projects in the Baton Rouge area.

Partin is a codefendant in a \$3.1 million antitrust damage suit accusing him of conspiracy to put a concrete products firm out of business. His federal court motion sought to stay a court order that he either answer questions—including some about an auto racetrack built near Baton Rouge—or be cited for contempt.

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give information, including names, to Pitcher.

"If I didn't have documented evidence, I wouldn't have said anything about it to start with," Partin said.

Investigators for a state agency conducting a special probe into reports of racketeering in labor and management relations also have questioned Partin in recent weeks.

The agency, the Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry, plans public hearings before the end of the year.