

Young Testifies, Meets with DA

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison made a surprise appearance with Aubrey Young outside his office today shortly after the former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen had testified before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Garrison said Young "contacted us and asked to talk to the grand jury. He has a great awareness about untrue things said about Louisiana."

The DA apparently referred to Life Magazine articles which alleged that organized crime flourishes in the state.

ASKED whether organized crime is prevalent in New Orleans, Garrison said, "No, it's

not flourishing. It's under control for a city of this size. New Orleans has to be more free of organized crime than any city of this size."

Answering reporters' questions about football card pushers and bookies who have been arrested recently, he said, "You can call it organized crime if you want."

"Our convictions in the

gambling area are pretty good."

YOUNG, who was silent throughout the interview, said afterward he would appear before the Jefferson Parish Grand Jury if invited. "If they want me to, I will," he said.

Garrison said the jury's crime investigation hasn't

hurt his Kennedy assassination probe. "The assassination investigation has not been hampered. We've won that. There's nothing that can undo what we've developed," he said.

CITY ATTY. Alvin J. Liska appeared before the grand jury shortly after Aubrey

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Young. Liska, who had been scheduled to testify about liquor law violations, said he appeared at his own request.

Another witness scheduled to appear later today was William Dalzell, a petroleum engineer who has previously figured in the assassination investigation.

Young had testified earlier before the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury, which is also investigating crime at the request of the governor.

He entered the grand jury room today shortly before noon, accompanied by Assistant Dist. Attys. Charles Ray Ward, James L. Alcock and Alvin V. Oser.

YOUNG arrived in New Orleans about 11:15, accompanied by a member of Baton Rouge DA Sargent Pitcher's staff, and went straight to Garrison's office.

In its series of articles about organized crime, Life Magazine charged that Young had knowledge of an attempt to bribe a witness to change testimony that had been used to convict Teamster Union President James Hoffa.

THE magazine said that Young helped to set up a meeting with Edward Grady Partin, the chief witness against Hoffa at a 1964 jury-tampering trial in Chattanooga, Tenn. The purpose of the meeting, the articles said, was to offer Partin, a Baton Rouge Teamster official, money to change his testimony.

Young, the magazine said, also received telephone calls from Carlos Marcello, Jefferson Parish rackets figure, while he was on the governor's staff, and that Young

was the guest of a gambling figure in Las Vegas.

CRIMINAL Sheriff Louis A. Heyd testified before the jury earlier today. Before going into the jury room, he said that he was going to discuss the serious problem of narcotics addiction in the city and the possible use of a new non-narcotic drug in the treatment of addicts.