

State Court Studies MCC Quash Move

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The Louisiana Supreme Court took under advisement today the Metropolitan Crime Commission's motion to quash a subpoena which would require the organization to take all of its records before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Attorney Milton Brener told the court that the subpoena was unreasonable and suppressive in that it was too broad, requiring all records dating from the inception of the organization.

He said Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office is not investigating organized crime, but is investigating the MCC.

Several judges indicated that the subpoena should have been more specific.

RICHARD Burnes of the DA's office said the state is seeking any documents the MCC has on confidential informants and any special knowledge members have about organized crime in New Orleans.

Burnes said the district attorney's office has knowledge that one of the MCC's paid informants lied and wants to know how much he was paid.

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He said the alleged informer testified under oath that he lied to the commission.

After the hearing Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the MCC, said, "We don't make accusations based on information received from informants, not even Pershing Gervais."

Kohn said that Gervais, a former chief investigator for Garrison, had worked as an informant for the MCC.

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