

Second Bribe Try Charged to Smith

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BATON ROUGE—D'Alton Smith, who was indicted last year for allegedly attempting to bribe an aide to the governor, today was charged in the same case with bribery of a federal government witness.

Smith, who gives his present address as New Orleans, was accused of offering a \$65,000 bribe to Edward Grady Partin, boss of the Baton Rouge Teamsters.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH District Attorney Sargent Pitcher charged that Smith tried to get Partin to change his testimony in order to free International Teamster boss James R. Hoffa from federal prison.

Smith had been indicted by the East Baton Rouge Grand Jury of allegedly offering \$25,000 to Aubrey Young, former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen.

The new charge was disclosed by Pitcher during a court hearing today on the state's efforts to increase Smith's bond on the indictment from \$7,500 to \$25,000.

WHEN SMITH WAS INDICTED in September his bond was set then at \$25,000. However, when he surrendered in December in Baton Rouge the judge set a new bond at \$7,500.

Today Judge Donovan Parker of the 19th Judicial District increased the bond by \$5,000 to \$12,500. He also set an additional bond of \$2,000 on the second charge.

Pitcher had asked for a \$25,000 bond on the second charge.

The alleged bribe offer occurred Jan. 15, 1967, when Partin and Smith met at the home of Young in Baton Rouge.

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According to the grand jury indictment, Smith offered Young the money to arrange the meeting with Partin.

Young, who turned state's evidence and was granted immunity from prosecution, maintains that he declined the money but arranged the meeting anyhow.

THE BILL of information filed by Pitcher claims that Partin was offered \$65,000 to alter testimony he had previously given in a jury-tampering trial for Hoffa in Chattanooga. Partin was to have been a witness at a new hearing in that case.

Partin has claimed he had been offered up to a million dollars to change his testimony in the Hoffa case.

Smith had previously surrendered on a fugitive warrant in Denton, Tex., and has posted bail in Los Angeles. He surrendered voluntarily here last month and says now he is living in Louisiana at the home of his mother in New Orleans.

HE WAS represented in court today by attorney Frank Klein of New Orleans and Ossie Brown of Baton Rouge.

Smith was present in court as was Young, who had been released from East Louisiana Hospital at Jackson, where he was under treatment as an alcoholic.