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Jurors Quiz Marina Twice

Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter, widow of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, returned this afternoon to the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison for her second appearance of the day before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

The wife of the late Lee Harvey Oswald testified for an hour this morning and was called back as the jury resumed its probe of the assassination this afternoon.

SHARING THE spotlight today was another grand jury witness, Kerry Thornley of Tampa, Fla., who was a Marine Corps buddy of Oswald during the late 1950s.

Thornley, who lived in the French Quarter during the summer of 1963, was before the jury for nearly three hours this morning, and was slated for another session later this afternoon.

EMERGING FROM the jury room at the luncheon break, Thornley told newsmen he never saw Oswald again after June of 1959. Garrison contends Oswald and Thornley were associates here during 1963.

Thornley would not discuss the testimony he gave in the closed-door session, but he took issue with Garrison on two points.

HE SAID GARRISON accused the Warren Commission of not asking him, Thornley, whether he knew Oswald in New Orleans.

"They did ask that, and I

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MARINA OSWALD PORTER is accompanied by her husband, **KENNETH JESS PORTER**, as she arrives at Criminal Courts bldg. to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

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told them no," Thornley said. Asked if he agreed with Garrison's thesis that Oswald was a right-winger rather than a Communist, he said he thought Oswald was an "idle parlor Communist-type, but when he became disillusioned with the Soviet Union, perhaps he changed his views. I never thought he was a rightist."

COURTHOUSE SOURCES said today's session would last late into the afternoon in an effort to wind up the proceedings today. Marina had been subpoenaed for today and tomorrow.

Garrison, it was learned, personally questioned Thornley before the jury, but did not question Marina.

Today's activity got under way when Marina and her husband arrived at the Criminal Courts building.

MARINA would make no comment as she and her second husband, Kenneth Jess Porter of Irving, Tex., walked past newsmen on her way to the jury room.

The attractive 26-year-old blonde appeared in a blue raincoat over a blue dress with red and yellow piping. She wore her hair short. Her husband wore a dark suit.

Marina was accompanied into the jury room by her husband, an unusual procedure. Usually, not even an attorney goes into the jury room with a witness.

Also unusual was the fact that Marina had no attorney advising her outside the jury room.

AFTER testifying, the Porters left the courthouse via a back elevator to avoid newsmen.

There were two other court developments today in Garrison's probe of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Dean A. Andrews, a lawyer and former assistant DA in Jefferson Parish, declared himself a pauper in a hearing before Criminal District Judge Frank J. Shea. By taking the pauper's oath, Andrews won for his new attorneys, John P. Dowling and Walter D. Kelly, a free copy of the transcript of the trial of last August in which Andrews was convicted of perjury.

Andrews' attorneys want the transcript to press the appeal of his conviction and three-month jail term imposed by Judge Shea. He was convicted of giving conflicting testimony in the Kennedy investigation.



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DEAN A. ANDREWS
En route to court.

In the other court action, Thomas Beckham, who was ordered to New Orleans last week from Omaha to testify, got permission to go back to Nebraska under court orders to return here Feb. 15 for a grand jury appearance.

BECKHAM told Judge Matthew S. Braniff that he had sold \$4,000 worth of tickets to three country music shows in Alliance, Neb., for Saturday night and needed to be present.

Judge Braniff gave permission, with no objection from the DA's office, but told Beckham that if he did not return he would be held in contempt of court.

Beckham had showed up at the court building about 9 a.m. accompanied by a bodyguard and his brother.

Marina, like Beckham, had fought extradition, saying she did not know anything that would help Garrison in his investigation.

But a judge in Dallas ruled she was a "material and necessary" witness. She and her husband drove here yesterday.

The DA's office had indicated that both Marina and Thornley would be questioned about Oswald's associations here in 1963.

Marina said earlier, "I don't think I could help in Mr. Garrison's work." She has denied knowing any of the figures Garrison has associated with the probe.

When the DA's office subpoenaed Mrs. Porter, Assistant

DA James L. Alcock said his office has "some very interesting questions to ask Mrs. Oswald. We have indications she was with Lee when he talked to people we are interested in," he added.

At the time she said she would "hate to go down there because Mr. Garrison is so powerful. I don't know if I could prove my innocence to him."

THE SUBPENA for Thornley, who at first indicated he would fight to stay in Florida but later relented, said he had been seen in the company of Oswald while Oswald was living in New Orleans.

Beckham, who tags himself as a minister and psychologist, is originally from the New Orleans area and the DA's office reportedly wants to question him about his alleged association with the late David Ferrie.

Garrison has pegged Ferrie as a participant in the assassination of Kennedy.

Oswald, who the Warren Commission concluded was the lone assassin, was shot to death by Jack Ruby two days after the President was killed.