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NEW ORLEANS AP - Trial of the Kennedy assassination probe's self-styled "fat man" on a perjury charge adjourned Saturday with the judge pondering a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal.

Criminal Dist. Court Judge Frank J. Shea said he would rule Sunday, at the start of a scheduled Sabbath session. Defendant Dean Andrews, 44, walked out smiling.

Earlier he startled the gallery by saying, "So I lied." The statement was read into the record.

"Fat man's going to get a good night's sleep," said Andrews, a 44-year-old lawyer accused of lying to the grand jury investigating an alleged conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The president was assassinated in Dallas in 1963. Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison contends a conspiracy to kill Kennedy originated in New Orleans.

The state rested its case against Andrews at 4 p.m. on the fourth day of the trial—the first two days of which were taken up in an unsuccessful fight to oust Garrison as prosecutor in the case.

Harry Burglass, who took over as defense lawyer Friday, immediately moved for the directed verdict.

Over two hours were spent with the jury out of the courtroom in legal arguments over whether the state had succeeded in outlining a legal foundation for each of the five counts.

At one point, Judge Shea ordered the opposing lawyers to stop bickering while he studied the length indictment.

"I'm trying to read and understand this and it's hard to understand," he said.

During the state's case, testimony from Andrews' second appearance before the grand jury—on June 27—was read to the five-man jury.

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NEW ORLEANS, AP - Dean Andrews' startling statement to a grand jury - "So I lied" - was read into the record of his perjury trial Saturday by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's staff.

Andrews, 44, is accused of lying to the Orleans Parish grand jury investigating an alleged conspiracy here to kill President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Testimony of his second appearance before the grand jury on June 27 was read to the five-man jury hearing his trial on a perjury charge.

"When you testified before the grand jury March 16, you knew Bertrand was Eugene Davis?" a Garrison aide asked Andrews at his June 27 appearance.

"So I lied," he replied. "I committed perjury. I don't know what I said. The man is Eugene Davis."

Garrison contends Clay Bertrand was an alias used by Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman indicted on a charge of conspiracy to murder President Kennedy. Shaw, whose trial date has not been set, has denied ever using an alias or having any knowledge of such a conspiracy.

Andrews, 44, told the Warren Commission that a Clay Bertrand telephoned him the day after Kennedy's death on Nov. 22, 1963, and asked him to go to Dallas and represent Lee Harvey Oswald. Oswald was identified by the commission as the assassin.

Garrison claims that Andrews lied when he told the grand jury in March that he could not say whether Shaw and Bertrand were one and the same.

At his second appearance before the grand jury, Andrews identified Bertrand as Eugene Davis, operator of a night spot here. Davis later denied ever using the name Clay Bertrand.

Andrews said he didn't mention Davis' name the first time because, "I decided that it was not necessary for this man to be exposed to what I had been exposed. He was a client of mine."

If Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe "is based on the fact that Clay Shaw is Clay Bertrand, then it's a joke," Andrews told the grand jury.

After the 20 pages of Andrews' grand jury testimony were put in the record, the state called Robert Scott, a newsman at radio station WROK, Boston. Scott played a tape recording of a 15-minute telephone interview he had with Andrews last February.

A voice identified as being that of Andrews said, "People seem to think I know more than I know . . . If the action stirs up, I'm going west."

Andrews' attorney moved for a mistrial on grounds the tape was totally immaterial to the perjury charge. The defense also complained that Andrews was not told he was being recorded and that the tape taken was in violation of federal regulations.

Criminal Dist. Court Judge Frank J. Shea overruled the motion.

The trial was before a five-man jury, seated Friday, because the charge was a high misdemeanor under Louisiana law. Twelve-member juries are reserved for felony cases.

Conviction on a perjury charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

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