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BURNEY (Shasta County) — Clinton C. Wheat, the ex-convict sought as a witness in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the assassination of President Kennedy, has left the remote mountain home near here where he was reported to be living.

Sheriff's deputies, who went to the isolated cabin to serve a subpoena, reported they were greeted by a woman identifying herself as Wheat's wife. She said her husband had left home without luggage about one week ago.

In Klamath Falls, a rancher who had hired Wheat as a ranch hand, said Wheat had left his work 11 days ago, announcing he was heading towards Ashland, Ore. An abandoned school building where Wheat had been staying burned the following night.

Garrison has never disclosed what role he expects Wheat to play in the investigation. The New Orleans district attorney, however, has dispatched \$535 in travel expenses to be held by Shasta County authorities.