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NEW ORLEANS AP - Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison accused a former staff member Tuesday of showing pre-trial secrets to Clay Shaw's defense lawyers.

The charge against Thomas Bethell, a London school teacher, was the second arising from the wreckage of Garrison's case charging Shaw with conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw, 55, a retired New Orleans businessman, was acquitted Saturday. Two days later, Garrison accused him of perjury—claiming he lied under oath when he testified that he never knew Lee Harvey Oswald or David W. Ferrie.

Asst. Dist. Atty. William Alford said Bethell was accused of slipping a trial memorandum out of the office which contained the names of each state witness in the conspiracy case and described the substance of their testimony.

Alford said Bethell allegedly took the memorandum to Salvatore Panzeca, one of Shaw's lawyers, and then returned it to the files.

Bethell was charged with unauthorized use of movable property. The statute pertains to the taking of property with no intention of depriving the owner of it permanently.

The slender Englishman joined Garrison's staff in June 1967 to assist in research involving the assassination investigation, Alford said. He said Bethell quit sometime last fall.

Bethell said during the trial, however, that he was still somewhat active in the investigation. He declined to comment on the charge.

Maximum penalty would be a \$100 fine or six months in jail.

Shaw was charged with conspiring with Oswald and Ferrie, a former airline pilot, to murder Kennedy. Shaw testified he never saw or talked to either

man, both now dead.

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