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Gave DA Names, Drops Out of Sight

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23 (UPI)—A man fearing for his life because he told District Attorney Jim Garrison names of people in an alleged plot on President Kennedy's life had dropped out of sight today.

David Lewis, 26, was a private investigator who came in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald several times during Oswald's six-month 1963 stay in New Orleans.

FAMILY GONE TOO

Lewis, his wife and four children, could not be found in the wake of the apparent suicide Wednesday of David W. Ferrie, 49, a former airline pilot who Garrison planned to arrest within a few days.

Lewis, when Garrison's controversial investigation erupted last week, was employed as a shipping agent at a bus line.

Employees at the bus station said they did not know the whereabouts of Lewis, a slim, dark-haired man, and added they did not know when he would be back.

The Lewises were not at their home. Neighbors on either side said they did not know where the family was.

At a news conference yesterday Garrison said his staff was not large enough to provide protection to the principals of the investigation.

Lewis said Monday he feared for his life. He was the one who told the press that he had given Garrison names of four or five persons he knew to be linked in what he felt was a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy.

WOULDN'T CLARIFY

Lewis would not clarify why, or under what circumstances, he knew Oswald in the weeks before the Dallas assassination. He would only say he was a private investigator then.

He had said the ones involved in the alleged plot were so unscrupulous that they would not hesitate in moving against him or his family.