

Builder Who Told of Bribes To Guernev Aide Goes to Jail

MIAMI, Jan. 2 (UPI)—John Priestes, one of the first builders to implicate Senator Edward J. Gurney, Republican of Florida, in alleged corruption involving the Federal Housing Administration, surrendered today to United States marshals to begin serving a one-year sentence.

Mr. Priestes, who pleaded guilty last September to two F.H.A.-related felonies, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge C. Clyde Atkins to one year on each count, to run concurrently.

The Miami builder testified before a Federal grand jury here that he had paid \$17,000 in bribes to a former F.H.A. aide and a former assistant to

Mr. Gurney in exchange for lucrative housing contracts.

Several other Florida builders have also reportedly testified to paying cash amounts to Mr. Gurney's aide for favors.

Mr. Priestes also testified before the Senate Watergate committee last November that fundraisers for President Nixon's campaign had sought \$100,000 from him to settle his legal problems.

Mr. Priestes will stay at the Dade County Jail until officials of the Federal Bureau of Prisons decide where he will serve his term.