

Oswald Wasn't Alone, Says DA In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — District Attorney Jim Garrison said yesterday a plan was developed in New Orleans which culminated in the assassination of President Kennedy.

He added: "Arrests will be made."

"There were other people besides Lee Harvey Oswald involved," the prosecutor said. "New Orleans was a factor in the planning beyond a shadow of a doubt."

Garrison said an investigation by his office shows the Warren Commission report is inaccurate in stating Oswald acted alone in the assassination of Kennedy.

"We already have the names of the people in the initial planning," Garrison told the Associated Press.

"We are not wasting our time and we will prove it. Arrests will be made. Charges will be filed and convictions will be obtained."

Garrison said his office had jurisdiction in the case

because of a Louisiana law "which forbids conspiracy of any kind."

Asked why he started the probe, Garrison replied:

"Last November I began looking into the question because Oswald had spent six months in New Orleans shortly before the assassination.

"I went through the 26 volumes of the Warren Report and there were some questions raised. As a result, I began the investigation. The investigation led to new leads, which we followed out and other leads were uncovered."

First disclosure of the probe came Friday in a copyrighted story by the New Orleans States-Item.

"We were making good progress until the publicity," Garrison said.

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Previously, Garrison refused comment on the story in the States-Item.

He said a prisoner in the Orleans parish jail now possibly has his life in jeopardy as a result of the publicity given the probe. He did not name the prisoner.

The States-Item said Miguel Torres, a 26 year old Cuban who formerly lived only a block from Oswald's last known New Orleans address, was brought from the Louisiana state prison at Angola to the Orleans parish jail on Jan. 30.

Torres, the account said, is serving three concurrent nine-year terms for burglaries and "he is known to be connected with the DA's investigation."

Garrison was questioned about William Manchester's book, "Death of the President," in which the author says Oswald acted alone.

"Manchester wasn't there at the assassination," said Garrison. "My office has spent considerable more time investigating the assassination than Manchester did and it is my belief that man was wrong."

The States-Item said Garrison's office is seeking a "physically powerful and dangerous" Cuban man who "is believed to be one of a group of Cubans who reportedly hid behind a billboard on the parade route in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963."

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In Stamford, Conn., John J. McCloy, a member of the Warren Commission, said "Let's see what his evidence is" when told of Garrison's statement.

"We are always aware that some evidence might turn up in this matter and we know that time is a factor in the favor of someone hunting such evidence," McCloy explained, adding:

"We did not say that Oswald acted alone. We said we could find no credible evidence that he acted with anyone else."

McCloy said the commission investigated Oswald's activities in New Orleans and "the investigation, at least at that time, didn't produce anything."

Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.), who was a member of the Warren Commission, said at Washington that "If the district attorney has such information he should transmit it to the attorney general, whom I assume would transmit it immediately to the President."

The Secret Service, the Justice Department and the FBI, contacted in Washington, said there would be no comment.