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'JFK PLOT'

WITNESS AFRAID

'Knows 5 Who Aided Oswald'

'Capable Of Anything'

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — A one-time private investigator, who told District Attorney Jim Garrison he knew of five people implicated in a plot to kill President Kennedy, says he fears for his life and wants police protection.

David F. Lewis, 26, who knew presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963,

said the persons involved in the conspiracy are "very vicious and capable of anything."

"If they're capable of assassinating a U.S. President, they would not hesitate in getting rid of any of the witnesses."

Lewis, a skinny, dark-haired man who said he relayed his knowledge of the alleged conspiracy to Garrison, now works as a freight agent for a bus line.

He said he met with Oswald several times in New Orleans in the six months before the assassination.

He said Garrison's investigation into a possible conspiracy should be taken seriously.

"This investigation definitely is not a hoax on anyone's part. There was a plot. I know about it. And I know the people who were involved," he said.