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JFK 'Plot'

Subpena Issued

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — A former managing director of the Internal Trade Mart here was subpoenaed for questioning today in District Attorney Jim Garrison's five-month-old investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Clay Shaw, now retired, was summoned by the district attorney's investigators while the first man to be subpoenaed, James Lewallen, was undergoing questioning.

Lewallen, a pilot, brushed past newsmen without comment and was taken immediately into Garrison's private office.

His lawyer, George Piazza II, told newsmen Lewallen and David William Ferrie roomed together in suburban Kenner several years ago.

PLOT CHARGE

Ferrie, 48, found dead in bed a week ago today, has been described by Garrison as a participant in an alleged conspiracy here that resulted in the assassination at Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

"Like many other people in New Orleans, James Leawallen knew David Ferrie," Piazza said.

The lawyer said Lewallen had voluntarily appeared at Garrison's office earlier in the investigation and had answered all questions that were asked.

But Piazza said the issuance of a subpoena came "as a great surprise to us."

BOTH PILOTS

He said that Lewallen was questioned only about his acquaintance with Ferrie. He said Lewallen has "no special knowledge, no more so than any other person who knew Ferrie."

Asked if Lewallen had been questioned by the Warren Commission, the lawyer replied, "Not that I know of."

He said Lewallen is a pilot, as was Ferrie.