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Quentin Con And Kennedy Assassination

A San Quentin convict being indicted in Marin County Superior Court yesterday startled court officials when he demanded "protection, because I know something about President Kennedy's assassination."

The charge was made by James B. Mackey, 28, who appeared before Superior Court Judge Joseph G. Wilson on an indictment charging he murdered fellow inmate Jess R. Pearce, 49, on August 19.

Mackey said he wanted additional guards to protect him coming and going from court and said he had talked to Federal authorities about his alleged knowledge of hitherto unknown events in the death of the President.

"I do not believe Mackey is in any danger," Parks said.

Convicted of voluntary manslaughter in Los Angeles in 1965, Mackey declined to say what additional knowledge he might have about the President's death.

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Con Says He's JFK Suspect

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A San Quentin convict claimed today that he is "under investigation for the murder of President Kennedy."

But prison authorities said he is only one of many persons who make unfounded statements that they are linked with the assassination.

The man, James Boyd Mackey, 28, serving a term for voluntary manslaughter in the knife killing of a man he met in a Los Angeles bar, made his statement in the court of Superior Judge Joseph Wilson this morning in San Rafael.

He was there to be arraigned for a second knife killing — that of Jess R. Pearce, 50, a fellow prisoner, in the prison cotton mill last August.

He told the judge he wanted extra protection on his trips between the prison and court because of his alleged connection with the President's murder.

Associate Warden James Park said federal officials have investigated Mackey because of the claims he had made, but nothing has come of it. Mackey is from Texas.