

Garrison Tagged 'Fraud'

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A top West Coast defense attorney who is a specialist in hypnotism Friday charged New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison with "outright fraud" in his handling of the alleged Kennedy assassination plot.

SAN FRANCISCO attorney George T. Davis, who defended Caryl Chessman, said the

use of hypnosis on Garrison's key witness, Perry Russo, was the action of an "ambitious and unscrupulous attorney."

"He should have made public the fact that Russo had been subjected to hypnosis," Davis said, adding "I believe Mr. Russo may be a complete somnambulist "a person subject to immediate hypno-

sis."

DAVIS suggested Russo was suffering from either "a vis-



ual hallucination." or "post-hypnotic suggestion."

He said Russo should be

given a truth serum such as sodium pentothal to determine whether or not his story is true.

The San Francisco attorney said a somnambulist could be the perfect foil for fraudulent case such as Garrison's investigation. "Under hypnosis, Russo was exposed to ideas that might not have been his own, if he is in fact a somnambulist."

DAVIS WILL speak later today to more than 1,200 attorneys attending the American Trial Lawyers Association convention on the use of hypnosis and truth drugs in court.

"I hope 1,200 attorneys will leave Las Vegas convinced they should hire a qualified hypnotist to work with them on every major case," Davis said.