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Ferrie's Pal Raps Russo

Witness Had A Grudge'

NEW ORLEANS - (UPI) The latest figure thrust into District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation maintains he never heard the name Lee Harvey Oswald until Nov. 22, 1963.

Layton Martens, 24, a former roommate of one of the alleged plotters against President Kennedy, openly chal-lenges statements made by Garrison's star witness, Perry Russo.

TV INTERVIEW

Russo, 25, a Baton Rouge, La., insurance salesman, testified he heard Clay Shaw, the late David W. Ferrie, and Oswald plot to kill Kennedy.

Shaw has been indicted for conspiracy.

But Martens, commenting in a TV interview after he was subpensed to appear before the grand jury next week, said he shared an apartment with Ferrie and he never had heard of Os-wald until the assassination.

It was this same apart-ment in which Russo allegedly heard the plotters. Russo had testified he did

not know Martens.

But Martens says he knew Russo and the latter had a personal grudge against Ferrie.

3 ARRESTED

Records at the New Orleans Police Department show Martens, Alvin Roland Beaubeout and Ferrie were arrested at Ferrie's apart-ment two days after the assassination.

All three were held briefly under investigation of subversive activities by the FBI and Secret Service, according to the records. In other developments: • Gordon Novel, who left

town before a subpena could be served on him, was or-dered to return to New Or-leans at once and post a \$50,000 bond.

· Donald Dooty, whom Garrison had subpenaed to appear today for questioning, showed up a day early.