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NEW ORLEANS AP - Two television newsmen who investigated the controversial Kennedy assassination probe stepped up Tuesday to face charges filed by an irate Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

Walter Sheridan, 41, of Washington, an investigative reporter for the National Broadcasting Co., surrendered at the criminal district court clerk's office and posted \$5,000 bond.

Before he left, Sheridan, charged with trying to bribe a Garrison witness into changing his story, was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury Wednesday.

Richard Townley, a reporter for WDSU-TV in New Orleans, an NBC affiliate, stood in criminal district court to plead innocent to a similar bribery charge.

In another development, a new perjury charge was filed against Dean A. Andrews Jr., a lawyer. He was accused, for the second time, of lying to the grand jury assisting Garrison in the probe.

Sheridan flew here from Washington to surrender. "I have not violated any laws of this state," he said.

The charge, Sheridan added, is an effort by Garrison to use his powers to intimidate the news media from taking a skeptical look at his case—which contends that a conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy originated in New Orleans.

The President was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The official Warren Commission report said the killer was Lee Harvey Oswald, a former New Orleans resident, and that he apparently acted alone.

Both Sheridan and Townley were charged after an NBC report on June 19 examined Garrison's case against Clay L. Shaw in critical detail and raised questions as to the ethics and procedures used by Garrison and his investigators.

Garrison accused NBC of trying to wreck his case.

Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, is charged with conspiring to murder President Kennedy. He pleaded innocent and remains free on bond. No trial date has been set.

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AT his arraignment, Townley was granted nine days in which to file defense pleadings. He was arrested last week and remains free under \$7,500 bond.

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