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STATES-ITEM

NBC Reporter To Appeal N.O. Plea Dismissal

An attorney for Walter Sheridan today filed a notice of intention to appeal to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal a decision by U.S. District Judge Alvin B. Rubin dismissing his client's suit against Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

Sheridan, an NBC television newsman who has been highly critical of Garrison, was charged by the DA with public bribery of Perry R. Russo, Garrison's star witness in his Kennedy assassination probe. Sheridan had asked that the charge against him be dropped, that Garrison be recused as prosecutor because of personal animosity against the newsman and that an injunction be issued to prevent Garrison from forcing Sheridan to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

In a similar case, U.S. District Judge James A. Comisky tomorrow will hear a request for a preliminary injunction to halt Garrison's attempt to get Life Magazine reporter David Chandler before the grand jury.

Named as defendants in the suit filed yesterday were Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, first Assistant DA Charles Ward and James O. Sanders, foreman of the grand jury.

Chandler charges in his suit that he would be in a "position of peril" if he appeared before the grand jury and that without counsel he may be required to illegally and unconstitutionally testify against himself.

IN THE EVENT the preliminary injunction he seeks is denied, Chandler requested in his suit that his attorney, Cicero C. Sessions, be allowed to be present when he appears before the grand jury.

Similar motions have been turned down by the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Chandler was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury on Oct. 5, the same time Carlos Marcello testified before the body. Marcello was named by Life as being the kingpin of organized crime in the state.

The newsman says in his suit that he was originally subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury Jan. 26, but instead was sent to the district attorney's office where Ward placed him under oath and grilled him.

Following the alleged incident, which Chandler called "illegal misuse of a grand jury subpoena," Chandler said Ward threatened him with criminal prosecution for perjury.

Partin Claim Of Bribe Said 'Utterly False'

BATON ROUGE (AP) — A Baton Rouge contractors association official said today a charge that he carried a \$1 million bribe to a Teamsters official is "completely and utterly false."

James H. (Buddy) Gill, manager of the Baton Rouge Industrial Contractors Association, said in a statement that the charge by Baton Rouge Teamsters boss Edward Grady Partin was designed "to mislead and misinform the public."

Partin charged in a federal court motion yesterday that Gill offered him the money in an effort to win a new trial for James Hoffa.

"As usual, Partin's most recent charges are designed to take the spotlight off of Partin's own activities and to place it somewhere, anywhere else," Gill said.

GILL BLAMED Partin for the labor crisis that wracked Baton Rouge last summer.

"Partin is now grasping at straws and lashing out in all directions," Gill said. "He is a man of desperation."

"I am the most recent in a series of persons who supposedly has offered Partin \$1 million or some other amounts of money.

"Only heaven knows who Partin will accuse next. Needless to say, his statement that I offered him anything to do anything is completely and utterly false," Gill's statement went on.

"And every possible legal step will be taken to see that Partin is called to account for his irresponsible statements."

Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, was convicted in 1964 of tampering with a jury. Partin, business agent for a Teamsters local here, was the government's principal witness.

THE ALLEGED BRIBE is under investigation by a federal grand jury in New Orleans.

Partin's new motion asked for the recall or modification of U.S. Dist. Judge E. Gordon West's command that he answer questions at a deposition session in a multi-million dollar anti-trust suit.

The motion said much of last summer's Baton Rouge area labor troubles, which shut down over \$250 million in construction for weeks, were fomented in an effort to discredit him and pressure him into agreeing to change his testimony in the Hoffa case.

ALTEX CONCRETE CO. filed the anti-trust suit against Partin and a number of others, claiming they conspired to put Altex out of business.

Partin claims that Roland Stevens Sr., an Altex executive, and Wallace Heck, a former Altex executive, were in collusion against him and trying to use the newly appointed Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry for their own means.

The commission was set up by a special session of the Legislature, called during a state administration crackdown which succeeded in ending the Baton Rouge strikes and lockouts.

IN HIS COURT motion, Partin also said he has information of a meeting early this year at International Teamsters headquarters in Washington involving five men.

Partin named Frank Fitzsimmons, then acting Teamster president; Criminal Dist. Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara of New Orleans; Allan Dorfman of Chicago; contractor Zachary A. Strate Jr. of New Orleans; and Gill.

Impeachment proceedings

against Judge O'Hara have been filed in the Louisiana Supreme Court, accusing him of helping Strate in an effort to buy Hoffa a new trial. The judge is on a temporary leave of absence from the bench, pending a decision by the court.