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SMITH (270)

LOS ANGELES (AP)--D'ALTON CARL SMITH WAS ARRESTED AT HIS LOS ANGELES HOME TUESDAY ON A WARRANT CHARGING ATTEMPTED BRIBERY OF A WITNESS IN THE 1962 TRIAL THAT RESULTED IN CONVICTION OF TEAMSTERS UNION PRESIDENT JAMES HOFFA ON A JURY TAMPERING CHARGE.

SMITH WAS BOOKED AT DOWNTOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND RELEASED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT ON \$27,500 BAIL. HE IS SCHEDULED FOR ARRAIGNMENT AT 11 A.M. FRIDAY IN SUPERIOR COURT.

SMITH, ONCE ACTIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLITICS AND MORE RECENTLY A NEW ORLEANS CONTRACTOR, IS CHARGED WITH OFFERING \$25,000 TO AUBREY YOUNG, A FORMER AIDE OF LOUISIANA GOV. JOHN MCKEITHEN, TO ACT AS MIDDLEMAN IN AN EFFORT TO GET GRADY PARTIN TO CHANGE HIS TESTIMONY IN THE HOFFA CASE.

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PARTIN, A BATON ROUGE TEAMSTER LEADER, WAS A GOVERNMENT SURPRISE WITNESS AT THE CHATTANOOGA TRIAL OF HOFFA. HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN OFFERED \$1 MILLION TO CHANGE HIS TESTIMONY.

SMITH WAS INDICTED SEPT. 29 BY THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH GRAND JURY. A COPY OF THE WARRANT WAS SENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, LOS ANGELES POLICE WERE TOLD THAT SMITH WOULD BE SURRENDERED HERE BY HIS ATTORNEY. THEY FAILED TO APPEAR.

INSTEAD, SMITH TURNED HIMSELF IN WITH A LAWYER IN ATTENDANCE ON OCT. 3 AT DENTON, TEX. HE WAS RELEASED ON \$1,500 BOND AND AN EXTRADICTION HEARING WAS SET FOR NOV. 21.

LAST WEEK A DUPLICATE WARRANT FOR SMITH'S ARREST WAS RECEIVED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FROM THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF.

LOS ANGELES POLICE, WHO HAD BEEN TOLD BY SMITH'S ATTORNEY HERE THAT HE WAS IN TEXAS, THOUGHT THE DUPLICATE WARRANT MIGHT BE AMISTAKE. THEY CHECKED BATON ROUGE AUTHORITIES AND WERE TOLD THAT THE ORIGINAL WARRANT WAS VALID.

THE SEARCH FOR SMITH WAS REACTIVATED. DETECTIVE SGTS. LLOYD O. BURTON AND THOMAS F. FITZSIMONS ARRESTED HIM AS HE WAS TAKING MAIL OUT OF THE MAIL BOX IN FRONT OF HIS LAUREL CANYON HOME.

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