

Omaha Court Orders Probe Figure Return

District Attorney Jim Garrison has achieved his first success in getting an out-of-state court to return a witness in his probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

A district court in Omaha yesterday ordered Thomas Edward Beckham, an evangelist-entertainer sought as a material witness, to return to testify before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Beckham, 27, had been arrested for failing to appear for a hearing.

COURTS IN Ohio, California and elsewhere have previously refused to return persons subpoenaed by Garrison.

In another development, a New Orleans bar owner prominently linked with the probe was arrested here and booked with obscenity involving a 16-year-old boy.

Eugene Davis, 43, was arrested at his residence at 522 Dauphine after police said he lured a juvenile to his home and made advances to him.

The boy fled and called police. Davis was arrested about 3:10 p. m.

DAVIS WAS linked to the assassination probe by attorney Dean Andrews, who said Davis was the mysterious "Clay Bertrand" who called him on behalf of Lee Harvey Oswald the day after the assassination. Garrison contends that Clay L. Shaw, under indictment for conspiracy in the assassination, used Bertrand as an alias.

Andrews was subsequently convicted of perjury in connection with his statements about the assassination.

Smith Pleads Innocent to Bribe Charge

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BATON ROUGE — D'Alton Smith today pleaded innocent to charges that he offered bribes to a former governor's aide and labor leader in a bid to free James Hoffa, International Teamsters president, from a federal prison.

Smith, who now lists his official residence as New Orleans, appeared in 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge for arraignment.

Trials on two separate charges were set for March and April.

He was indicted by a parish grand jury for offering a \$25,000 bribe to Aubrey Young, former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen, to arrange a meeting with labor leader Edward G. Partin.

Partin is boss of the maverick Teamsters Local No. 5 in Baton Rouge and it was his testimony on which Hoffa was sent to jail in a jury tampering case.

District Attorney Sargent Pitcher later charged Smith on a bill of information with offering a \$65,000 bribe to Partin to change his testimony in the case.

Trial on the grand jury indictment was set for March 25 and on the bill of information for April 8.

Smith's attorney was given until March 14 to file motions in the case.

Smith remains free on a total bond of \$14,500 on the two charges.