

Conviction Of Cancler Is Upheld

The burglary conviction and 18-year sentence of John "The Baptist" Cancler, who has figured into Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination probe, has been upheld by the State Supreme Court.

Cancler was convicted in February, 1967, of simple burglary. His appeal to the high court came after his request for a new trial was turned down by Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp.

Cancler had asked for a new trial after producing a Parish Prison inmate who confessed to the burglary Cancler was accused of committing.

Cancler's connection with the investigation into the Kennedy assassination came in June of 1967 when he told a nationwide television audience he was asked by two of Garrison's assistants to break into the home of Clay L. Shaw, who is accused of conspiring to kill the late president.

He said he refused to cooperate.

Cancler's sentence began when the court upheld his conviction last week.