

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM

## N.O. Barmaid Is Indicted on Perjury Count

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury issued another perjury indictment yesterday against 23-year-old Betty Jones, a barmaid accused by the district attorney's office of changing her testimony to shield an ex-policeman accused of manslaughter.

The indictment, returned before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., will replace one of two previous perjury indictments of Miss Jones, according to assistant district attorney James L. Alcock.

The woman was considered the state's chief witness in the manslaughter case against Rob-

ert F. Blanchard, a former patrolman accused in the Mardi Gras eve death of babysitter Susan Goldman.

The DA's office alleges that attorneys Steve Plotkin and Sanford Krasnoff persuaded Miss Jones to change her testimony. The state subsequently dropped its charge against Blanchard.

The grand jury has also indicted Krasnoff and Plotkin on a charge of bribing another state's witness, Linda Hodges.

Yesterday's indictment contrasts testimony Miss Jones gave the jury on Oct. 3 with other testimony she gave on May 16, Alcock said.

Under the law she is charged

with violating the state need prove only that the statements are "inconsistent and contradictory," the assistant DA said.