

## Partin's Car Was Bugged, Court Told

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) —A former Justice Department official admitted in court today that the government bugged a car in which a Teamster union official rode with the star witness against James R. Hoffa at Hoffa's 1964 jury tampering trial.

Walter Sheeridan, top Justice Department aide who spearheaded the prosecution against Hoffa, said the car was bugged soon after Hoffa won a mistrial in his 1962 trial on conspiracy charges in Nashville.

But, Sheridan said, the conversation between Edward Grady Partin, a Baton Rouge Teamster official, and Ewing King, a Nashville Teamster official, was not used against King—or Hoffa.

Sheridan, now an executive with NBC News, gave the testimony as Hoffa opened his challenge against the 1964 jury tampering conviction which has resulted in his serving an eight-year prison sentence at the federal correctional institution at Lewisburg, Pa.