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Represented DA, Not Mother--Haik

* Attorney Robert Haik, accused of the unauthorized use of \$50,000 belonging to District Attorney Jim Garrison's mother, says he was representing the DA himself in the questioned transaction.

Haik said yesterday he has never represented Garrison's mother at any time.

Garrison said yesterday a special prosecutor will be appointed to handle the case against Haik. Haik was charged Monday under a law covering unauthorized use of movable property which is supposed to have been the money belonging to Mrs. Jane Garrison Gardinier, 70, of Laurel, Miss.

IN HIS STATEMENT, Haik said, "Unfortunately, the false and vindictive criminal charges filed against me have been compounded by an equally false and vindictive public statement. I want to set the record straight in the clearest possible language.

"I never represented Mr. Garrison's mother as an attorney in any matter whatsoever. Mr. Garrison and I were

involved in a business transaction in which the name of Mr. Garrison's mother was substituted for his own, for personal reasons best known to him. His mother, of course, has no real interest in this matter.

"OUR PRESENT dispute is now in the courts and we intend to establish that neither the civil or criminal charges of Mr. Garrison have any validity whatsoever. I am represented by counsel and the issue will be settled in court. On the advice of my counsel, I will not discuss any aspect of this case in public."

Yesterday, Garrison explained in a statement that in cases where the district attorney or his family may have an interest, the court can be requested to appoint a special prosecutor.

Garrison said meanwhile the case is being handled by Assistant District Attorney William Alford.

Haik is free on a \$2,500 bond and the case has been allotted to Criminal District Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.