

Bradley Case Is Dropped; 'Witness Dead'

Death of an unidentified "major witness" was given as the reason why the district attorney's office has dropped its attempt to try a California man on a charge of conspiring to murder the late President John F. Kennedy.

Assistant DA John P. Volz nol prossed the charge against Edgar Eugene Bradley, 51, of Hollywood on June 19. Bradley's case never received the attention given that of Clay L. Shaw, the only other person to face such a charge.

Volz, in dropping the charge, wrote in longhand on the back of the bill of information in the folder on file with the clerk of criminal court:

"NOLLE PROSEQUI due to death of major witness in case. During the period of availability of this witness, extradition from the state of California was blocked."

Volz would not give the name or sex of the deceased witness or say whether he or she was also a witness against Shaw.

Bradley defeated extradition attempts in California courts, where such an issue must be resolved, up to the time the charge was dismissed.

Bradley was charged with conspiring with "others" who were not named in a bill of information filed by the DA's office on Dec. 20, 1967.

GARRISON CLAIMED the conspiracy took place between Aug. 1 and Nov. 22, 1963.

Bradley filed a \$1.5 million libel suit in California almost one year ago against more than 50 persons and news agencies he said were responsible for Garrison's conspiracy accusations against him.

He accused the defendants of falsely stating he was in Dallas on or about Nov. 22, 1963, the day of the assassination.

Bradley's suit said his long legal battle against extradition cost much money and the accusations caused him "great anxiety and pain of mind."