

Task Force Chief Also Named DA CHARGES GALLINGHOUSE

District Attorney Jim Garrison today filed seven criminal charges against U.S. Attorney Gerald J. Gallinghouse and Justice Department Attorney John Wall for their part in his arrest last Wednesday for alleged bribery in pinball operations.

The charges, all filed in Criminal District Court shortly after 1 p. m., came as a federal grand jury questioned Garrison's former chief assistant, his driver and two employees of the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel.

THE CHARGES filed against Gallinghouse and Wall, who heads up the federal task force probing organized crime, mainly center around Pershing O. Gervais, once a close personal friend of the district attorney, and his one-time chief investigator, who is the government's principal witness.

The charges and the bonds recommended are:

1. That they wilfully and unlawfully violated the law relative to extortion, in that they did communicate threats to Gervais in order to obtain advantages from him so as to do harm to the district attorney and to impute disgrace to Garrison, \$5,000 each.

2. That they incited a felony when they endeavored to get Gervais to attempt to persuade Garrison to aid and abet alleged violators of the law, including the implanting of false evidence, \$1,000.

3. Defamation by maliciously causing to be published false and defamatory matters to deprive Garrison of public confidence and to injure him professionally, \$500.

4. Malfesance by performing their duties in an unlawful manner, \$500 each.

5. Compounding a felony by promising Gervais not to prosecute him, \$1,500 each.

6. Criminal mischief by intentionally giving a false report relative to the commission of a crime knowing that the charges were false and fraudulent.

7. Public intimidation in that they used force and threats against Garrison in order to influence his conduct in the communication of truths to the people of the United States which have been withheld from them by the federal government, \$250 each.

In the malfesance charge, the district attorney contends that the object of the government is the harassment of Garrison in order to inhibit and obstruct his investigation of the assassinations of presidents of the United States.

If convicted, the extortion charge could bring a maximum sentence of one to 15 years in jail; inciting a felony, \$200 fine or one year or both; defamation, \$3,000 or one year or both; malfesance, \$500 or six months; compounding a felony, \$1,000 fine or two years or both; criminal mischief, \$1,000 or one year or both; and intimidation, \$1,000 fine or 5 years or both.

THE CHARGES and the federal grand jury probe came as Garrison and eight other defendants in the case went into federal court this afternoon to block further publication of the affidavit on which the charges are based.

Called by the grand jury today were

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Frank Klein, who was first assistant district attorney from 1962 to 1964; Steve Bordelon, the DA's chauffeur; and two unidentified Fontainebleau employees.

Gallinghouse declined to comment on the nature of the grand jury testimony. Klein reportedly was at the Garrison home when the federal officers arrested the DA.

Bordelon is mentioned in the 113-page government affidavit as having paid a bill at the Fontainebleau with marked money the government claims Garrison had received as a payoff to protect illegal pinball machine activities in New Orleans.

Gallinghouse said the four called before the grand jury today are not subjects of the government's investigation.

GARRISON today labeled charges against him part of a government "frameup." He branded the government's case as a "pollution of prejudice."

Garrison and eight of the other defendants seek a federal court order preventing The States-Item and The Times-Picayune from printing the text of the affidavit which was filed in public records when the 10 men were arrested under the Organized Crime Control Act.

A hearing was scheduled at 4 p. m. today before U.S. District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry.

Garrison issued a lengthy statement claiming he was framed by his longtime friend and former chief investigator, Pershing Gervais.

IT WAS GERVAIS who delivered \$1,000 in marked bills to the district attorney's home the night before Garrison was arrested. The money, found in Garrison's home when agents arrested him, was, the government charges, in payment for protection for

pinball companies to operate in New Orleans.

Garrison claims he was framed because of his television appearances around the nation in which he has warned of "a buildup of federal power, of military socialism, of our brutal imperialism . . . extending across the globe."

HE SAID that "since the day I took office as district attorney, I have never fixed a single case. I have never taken a dollar in bribery. I have never done anything to help the pinball business—even though in Louisiana pinball machines are not illegal. Nor have I ever instructed anyone on my staff to give any special consideration to pinball cases—or any other gambling cases.

"I have never conversed with a legislator to aid in obstructing a change in the state law which legalizes pinball machines. Nor have I ever once discussed the subject, or anything relating to aiding the pinball business or gambling, with the governor of Louisiana."

GARRISON CLAIMS his conviction rate in that area of law enforcement is one of the highest rates in his office, with the possible exception of murder with regard to which no defendant has ever walked out of the courtroom with an acquittal since he took office.

Gallinghouse today defended release of the affidavit.

"The complaint is on the public record, and the attorneys for the defendants didn't ask that the complaint not be part of the record," he said. "No request was made to the magistrate to seal the complaint," he added.

Regarding Garrison's statement, Gallinghouse said:

"We will not dignify by comment the untrue and ridiculous in Mr. Garrison's press release.

"I am satisfied that every statement in the 113-page affidavit of Floyd P. Moore (a special agent for the Internal Revenue Service) is true and correct."



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