

Bailey's New Client

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — Attorney F. Lee Bailey, describing District Attorney Jim Garrison as a "target defendant," has agreed to defend Garrison against a federal bribery and gambling charge.

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SCITUATE, Mass. AP — Boston Attorney F. Lee Bailey said Saturday he will serve without fee as counsel for New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison in an alleged payoffs case.

Jim's an old friend of mine," said Bailey.

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Bailey commented after the New Orleans States-Item reported he would represent Garrison who faces federal charges of accepting payoffs to protect illegal pinball gambling in New Orleans. Garrison has claimed he was framed by federal investigators in retaliation for his probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The newspaper quoted from a letter it said Bailey sent Garrison July 18, through Garrison's other lawyer, Louis Merhinge of New Orleans.

"Because of our long association and my belief in your integrity, I will serve without fee in this matters," the States-Item quoted Bailey as writing.

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