

U.S. Grand Jury Chosen For Probe of Garrison

A special 23-member federal grand jury was chosen this morning to investigate bribery charges against Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and nine others.

Hugh F. Small, 1027 Rose Lawn, Metairie, a savings and loan association official, was chosen by U.S. District Court Judge Herbert W. Christenberry as foreman of the special grand jury. Selected as deputy foreman was Charles L. Romano, 5118 Elysian Fields.

THE SPECIAL grand jury was ordered July 20 by District Court Judge E. Gordon West to sit for 18 months if necessary to inquire into the charges brought against Garrison and others by a federal task force on organized crime.

The district attorney, two high-ranking police officers and seven persons associated with the pinball industry were charged June 30 with violating the federal organized crime law in connection with alleged payoffs to protect pinball operators.

At the time of Garrison's arrest, agents said they found \$1,000 in marked money that had been turned over to the district attorney at his home in what the government had called a protection bribe.

GARRISON COUNTERED by filing

state charges against U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse and John Wall, who heads the task force operations here, but these were thrown out after a hearing before Christenberry.

The U.S. Attorney's office has said that evidence turned up by the task force in a number of cases that have been under investigation during the past year will be turned over to the special grand jury.

None of the other cases was identified.

Other members of the jury include: James A. Adams, Matthews, La.; Mrs. Mary A. Allen, Walter, La.; Freddie H. Alvarez, 6334 Morrison Rd.; Alfred I. Andry Jr., 4144 Toulouse; Mrs. Velma Arnold, 4320 Gen. Pershing; Edward F. Bensel, 704 Jefferson Park East; Vergie Mae Brumfield, Franklinton, La.; Mrs. Ida Gary, Kenner; Nelson A. Hauer, Baton Rouge; Stanley Hill, Franklinton; Jack L. Homrich, 4926 Annunciation; Adam V. Lambert, Duplessis, La.; Mrs. Mildred Lighttell, Slidell; Mrs. Ora Long, 1933 Fourth; Theodore Neitzscham, 5209 Rye, Metairie; Victor F. Philip, Waggaman; Janice Robertson, Franklinton; Emile Welp, 725 Porteous; Earl C. Williams, Lacombe; James J. Wright, 816 S. Sibley, Metairie; and Rene E. Yancovich, 936 Jefferson, Gretna.