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A Federal Grand Jury Indicts Jim Garrison

Washington

A federal grand jury yesterday charged New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who once claimed to have uncovered a ring of plotters behind the assassination of President Kennedy, with taking bribes to cover up illegal gambling.

The grand jury in New Orleans also brought gambling conspiracy charges against two former New Orleans police officers and seven men in the business of operating pinball machines.

Garrison was also charged

separately with filing false Federal income tax returns in 1965, 1966 and 1967.

The grand jury charged the seven defendants, who were in the business of distributing and operating pinball machines, channelled as much as \$1500 dollars a month in "protection" money to the 51-year-old Garrison, Frederick A. Soule Sr., one of Garrison's aides and a former police captain, and former police Sargeant Robert N. Frey, who once headed the New Orleans police department vice squad.

Reuters

Garrison Indicted in Bribe Case

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A New Orleans federal grand jury indicted New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison today for conspiracy to bribe law enforcement officials to protect illegal gambling operations.

Garrison, 51, was charged in a second indictment with filing false federal income tax returns in 1965, 1966 and 1967.

Indicted with Garrison on the conspiracy charges were two former New Orleans police officers and seven men allegedly connected with pin ball machine operations in Louisiana.

Garrison, who gained public notice for his attempt to prove that the assassination of President John Kennedy was a conspiracy, had been accused of similar charges in a criminal complaint last summer.

The indictments were announced here by Atty. Gen. John Mitchell. Mitchell said both indictments were the result of an Internal Revenue Service investigation of Garrison and an investigation by the department's New Orleans organized crime strike force.