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# Jury Thwarted In Two Probes

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The Orleans Parish Grand Jury was thwarted today in its efforts to push two investigations, as two scheduled witnesses failed to appear.

The jury had hoped to question John Wall, head of the federal Organized Crime Strike Force here, in connection with charges against local judges, and Floyd Greene, attorney for the inheritance tax collector, in a probe of alleged fee-sharing by Greene.

But Wall, according to Assist. Dist. Atty. John Volz, was still awaiting word from Washington on whether he may respond to the jury's invitation to appear. His appearance was put off until that is resolved.

And Greene, who has sought for months to avoid testifying before the jury, won another delay when his attorney was granted two weeks to file pleadings before Criminal District Judge Alvin V. Oser.

Greene's attorney contends that a stay granted by a federal court barring the questioning of Greene still is valid despite a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision changing the ground rules in such matters.

The jury wants to ask Greene whether he gave anything of value to City Councilman Clarence O. Dupuy for obtaining his post. Greene testified in his own divorce case that he split the proceeds of his office with Dupuy.

Greene has refused to answer, even though the state has offered him immunity from prosecution.

Wall's appearance was to have been in connection with the jury's probe of alleged conversations between informer Pershing Gervais and Criminal District Court Judges Jerome Winsberg and Charles Ray Ward and former Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.