

The Vesco Case

Madam Is Beaten

Washington

A Los Angeles madam who told police she had supplied call girls to Robert L. Vesco was badly beaten up by two unidentified men earlier this month, her attorney said yesterday.

"Her face was badly disfigured," attorney Richard G. Sherman said. He said she suffered a broken jaw, smashed cheekbones and a broken nose.

The woman, known variously as Betty Anderson, Betty Alexander, and Alex Fleming, was hospitalized for several days under a false name at the UCLA Medical Center, Sherman said. At the time of the beating, she was free on bond after having been arraigned on a pimping charge which police said was unrelated to her allegations concerning Vesco.

Miss Fleming is scheduled

to testify Wednesday before a federal grand jury investigating charges that guns and girls were flown from Los Angeles to Costa Rica aboard a private jet owned by Los Angeles stock broker Thomas P. Richardson, a self-described close personal friend of Vesco's.

Sherman said his client would take the Fifth Amendment before the grand jury.

Vesco currently is living in Costa Rica in an attempt to avoid federal prosecution on charges involving an illegal \$200,000 contribution to former President Nixon's re-election in an alleged attempt to influence an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Vesco has publicly denied any involvement with either the guns or the girls, calling the charges "ridiculous and absurd."

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