

EX-PARTNER ASSERTS HE WARNED GURNEY

TAMPA, Fla., May 27 (UPI) —A one-time law partner of Edward J. Gurney, testifying at the bribery conspiracy trial of the former Senator, said today that he warned Mr. Gurney twice in 1972 that he should investigate fund-raising activities being conducted on his behalf.

The witness, John Skolfield Jr., said he warned Mr. Gurney of the potential problems involving a fund-raiser, Larry Williams, on April 4, 1972, at Mr. Gurney's home in Winter Park and again July 15, 1972, in a telephone conversation after Mr. Gurney returned from the Virgin Islands.

"I cautioned Mr. Gurney, be-

cause I felt concern, to look into the activities of Larry Williams," Mr. Skolfield said of the April discussion.

"I again mentioned what I had heard about Larry Williams's fund-raising activities," Mr. Skolfield said of the July conversation. "I said something like 'Ed, if you don't look into that Williams matter, you're likely to end up in deep trouble.'"

He said that Mr. Gurney had "no meaningful response."

"He didn't cut off the conversation, but just said he would look into it," Mr. Skolfield said.

Mr. Gurney and four co-defendants are on trial for allegedly putting together an illegal \$223,000 political slush fund for Mr. Gurney.

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