

Drug Trafficking Charges Denied by Model at Inquiry

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Patricia Richardson Martinson, an international model, testified before a State Senate committee yesterday that she had never been involved in drug traffic and that her former husband had made several attempts on her life. She also disputed a previous witness who said that she had offered him \$50,000 to murder her former husband.

Mrs. Martinson, a slim, husky-voiced blonde, said her former husband, William Spector, had accused her of drug traffic out of malice.

"The only reason that he is making these allegations is that he is vengeful and spiteful to the fact that I divorced him, and he can't live with that," Mrs. Martinson told the final day of hearings jointly conducted into the drug charges by the State Senate Committee on Crime and United States Senator James I. Buckley, Conservative-Republican of New York.

Denies Narcotics Traffic

Mrs. Martinson described a life in which she had received thousands of dollars in cash gifts from admirers, had traveled the world in pursuit of modeling assignments and not as narcotics trafficker as her husband charged, had met former President Richard M. Nixon on one occasion, and had negotiated to purchase a home on her native island of St. Martin for "one hundred and something thousand dollars."

She said that her former husband "tried to push me into the river and tried to run me over on several occasions with his car." She denied specific knowledge of narcotics traffic or traffickers, and allegations concerning her allegedly suspicious behavior that have been made by previous witnesses.

Mr. Martinson said that while she had cooperated with the various governmental agencies investigating charges made by her former husband concerning narcotics traffic, "I wish to reiterate that I have never been involved with narcotics in any manner whatsoever."

She specifically denied the testimony of the previous witness, John M. Langford 3d, in whose home she lived in Ogdensburg, N. Y., after being separated from Mr. Spector.

Mr. Langford testified that she had asked him to obtain LSD to give to Mr. Spector, and ultimately offered him \$50,000 to kill her then-estranged husband. A third person, William Gohke, was brought into three

meetings that were conducted on the subject.

"Did Mrs. Spector indicate to you where she planned to obtain this money?" asked State Senator John Marino, a Republican of Syosett, L. I., and chairman of the Senate committee.

"From the proceeds of his life-insurance policy," Mr. Langford replied.

But he said that despite the three meetings, and their attendance by Mr. Gohke, he did not take her offer seriously.

"She was emotionally upset, and when people are angry they usually say things they don't mean," Mr. Langford said.

On the witness stand, Mrs. Martinson categorically denied the conversations.

Mr. Langford has been granted immunity by the state Senate committee.

An earlier witness, John Coleman, a Drug Enforcement Administration official, testified that the name "Richardson" was found in the personal possessions of Marcel Boucan, whose shrimp boat was picked up in Marseille in 1972 with nearly a ton of heroin.

Mr. Coleman said that Mr. Boucan had said that the name meant nothing to him.

French Debunk Charge

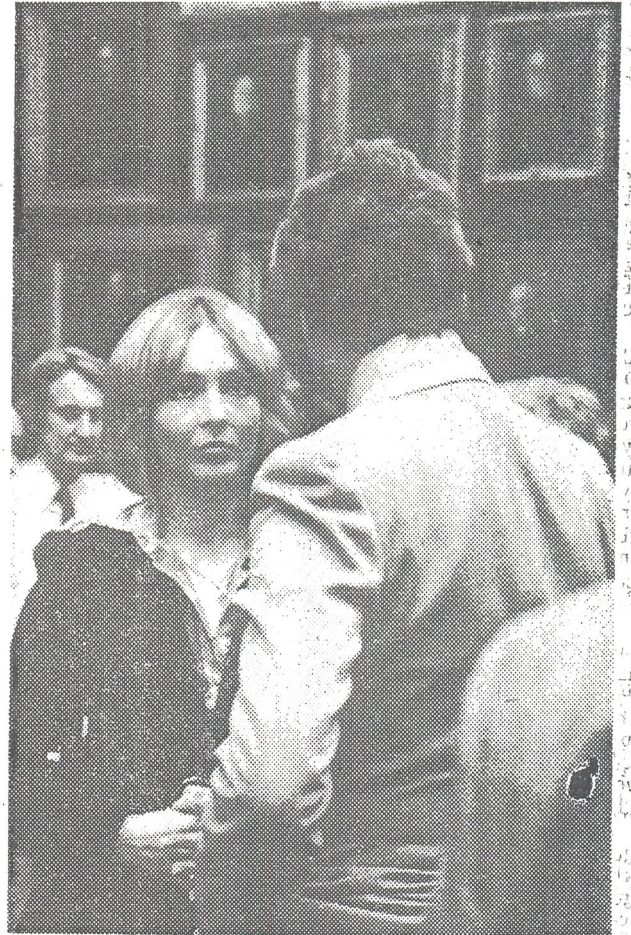
The day's first witness, Paul Knight, director of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Paris Bureau, testified that last month, the French police gave him a report, at the request of American authorities, that Mr. Spector's allegations "were without foundation, and were based on Spector's desire for revenge."

The French report said that there was "no doubt of their total lack of credibility."

Mr. Knight, in response to questions, said that the French had never interviewed Mr. Spector, nor conducted an investigation of the charges in this country.

"How were the French able to draw these conclusions without an independent investigation of Pat Richardson?" Senator Marino asked. "I would be very, very impressed with this letter if they had undertaken an independent investigation."

The French letter, signed by Francois LeMouel, chief of the Central Narcotics Office, also said that further investigation of Mr. Boucan's possible relationship to Mrs. Martinson was "useless and inopportune."



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Patricia Richardson Martinson after she denied any involvement in drug traffic yesterday at hearing.