

Davis' testimony defended

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MARILO — Admitting discrepancies in the testimony of the state's star witness in the murder trial of millionaire T. Cullen Davis, prosecutors yesterday entered into evidence an affidavit they contend contains some of the inconsistencies.

At issue was an unsworn statement by Priscilla Davis given to investigators Aug. 10, 1976, a week after two persons were killed and two wounded in a shooting at the \$6 million Davis mansion in Fort Worth.

Davis, 44, has been charged with the shootings and is on trial specifically for the slaying of his 12-year-old stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn. Davis' attorney, Richard Beehorse* Havnes, has used the

Aug. 10 document to discredit Mrs. Davis — the state's key witness — before the three-woman, nine-man jury, by pointing out small conflicts with her trial testimony.

"The state's position is that the witness has been impeached on prior inconsistent statements," said Marvin Collins, an assistant Tarrant County district attorney.

After a lengthy review of the law that occupied much of the morning session, District Judge George Dowlen permitted as evidence a sworn affidavit made by her on Aug. 12, 1976.

The prosecution said the latter interview coincides with testimony Mrs. Davis has made in the trial.

Assistant District Attorney Joe Shannon Jr., asked by reporters to explain the two versions given to in-

vestigators, said they made the second interview after concluding several points needed clarifying.

"You can't even tell a joke the same way twice," he said.

The inconsistencies centered on three points in Mrs. Davis' testimony, including whether she noticed the elaborate security system at the mansion was off before or after she entered the mansion the night of the shootings, whether she saw the gunman return inside the

house and whether he was holding or wearing a long black wig.

Phil Burleson, another of Davis' attorneys, said during a recess that the defense opposed introduction of the statement because it failed to solve any significant disputes in her testimony.

"We felt that her testimony had been sufficiently impeached," said Burleson. "It just forces us to get into more area. We're glad the state realizes that there are discrepancies in her testimony."

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Pact affects world

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WASHINGTON — It would be a serious mistake for opponents of the Panama Canal treaty to consider only U.S.-Panamanian relations in considering the proposal, treaty negotiator Sol Linowitz warned yesterday.

Latin America, he said, looks on the canal as "the last vestige of U.S. colonialism."

"What happens in the Panama Canal situation affects far more than the future of relations between the United States and Panama," he said. President Carter's controversial plan to turn the canal over to Panama by the year 2000.

"It affects, in the first place, the relations between the United States and all Latin America. They look upon this, whether we like it or not, as the last vestige of colonialism

which has provoked so much disension and hostility in the past — and they are standing firmly with Panama in this need for a new treaty.

"By the same token, the whole Third World places the Panama Canal issue high on its agenda. So what we do in this matter is going to have profound repercussions throughout the hemisphere and in other parts of the world."

Linowitz, who along with Ellsworth Bunker negotiated the treaty, was interviewed on the NBC "Today" program.

The Senate must approve the treaty to make it binding and Carter has promised a strong grass-roots campaign on behalf of the proposal, which would retain U.S. protection rights over the waterway.

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