

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

President JOHN Fitzgerald Kennedy, while riding in the motorcade in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and at approximately 12:30 p.m., was struck in the head by an assassin's bullet and a second wound occurred in the posterior back at about the level of the third thoracic vertebra. The wound was chattering in type causing a fragmentation of the skull and evulsion of three particles of the skull at time of the impact, with resulting maceration of the right hemisphere of the brain. The President was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital, and was immediately under the care of a team of physicians at the hospital under the direction of a neurosurgeon, Kemp Clark. I arrived at the hospital approximately five minutes after the President and immediately went to the emergency room. It was evident that the wound was of such severity that it was bound to be fatal. Breathing was noted at the time of arrival at the hospital by several members of the Secret Service. Emergency measures were employed immediately including intravenous fluid and blood. The President was pronounced dead at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Clark and was verified by me.

To the White House, Washington, D.C.

November 23, 1963

SIGNATURE

George Gregory Smith
 George Gregory Smith
 (Medical Officer)

DEPT. OF INQUIRY OR BOARD OF INVESTIGATION

BE HELD.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
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1. NAME OF DEATH (Last, first, middle)
The White House, Washington, D.C.

2. NAME
President John Fitzgerald Kennedy

3. SEX MALE FEMALE

4. RACE CAUCASIAN NEGRO OTHER (Specify)

5. STATUS
President of the United States

6. TYPE OF SERVICE (Years and months)
 CIVILIAN ACTIVE RESERVE ACTIVE RETIRED DEPARTMENT VAP OTHER (Specify)

7. LENGTH OF SERVICE (Years and months)
2 years 11 months

8. AVIATION YES NO

9. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and state or country)
Brookline, Massachusetts

10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year)
May 29, 1917

11. AGE (Years, months, days, if under 1 year)
46 years 6 months

12. RELIGION
Catholic

13. COLOR OF EYES
Blue

14. COLOR OF HAIR
Auburn

15. COMPLEXION
Ruddy

16. HEIGHT
72"

17. WEIGHT
172

18. MARKS AND SCARS (Noted in health records)

**4" scar 2nd, 3rd and 4th lumbar spine
 4" scar upper left leg, well healed**

19. NEXT OF KIN OR FRIEND (Relation, name and address)
Mrs. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, The White House, Washington, D.C.

20. ADMITTED TO SICCA LIST FROM (If on active duty, last duty station before current admission to sick list)
The White House, Washington, D.C.

21. DATE ADMITTED TO SICCA LIST (Month, day, year)
November 22, 1963

22. PLACE OF DEATH
Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas

23. TIME OF DEATH (month, day, year, hour)
November 22, 1963 1:00p.m.

24. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH. (This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g. heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury or complication which caused death.) (a)
Gunshot wound, skull

25. ACCIDENT CAUSES. (Morbid conditions, if any arising prior to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last)

26. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS. (Conditions contributing to death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.)

27. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
30 minutes

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