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WITNESS OFFERS JFK SHOTS THEORY

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A Dallas auto salesman has memories of a bloody cheek to support the theory that one of the three bullets fired into the Nov. 22 presidential motorcade went astray.

A bullet crashed into a curb some 10 feet in front on him and grazed his face.

"What bothers me is why nobody has taken an interest in my story before," said the 27-year-old man, who asked that his name not be used.

In an exclusive Times Herald interview, he said he was standing by the concrete abutment on the east side of the Triple Underpass watching the motorcade turn at Elm and Houston and proceed toward the underpass.

"There was that first shot, then the second and the third. Some time, I think it was the second shot, a bullet -- I'm sure it was a bullet -hit the curb in front of me and I felt a sting on my cheek."

In the confusion that followed, he thought no more about it until a policeman pointed out that there was blood on the right side of his face.

"We went back to where I was standing and we saw the creased mark-obviously fresh -- on the curb," he said. "Apparently what hit me was the bullet richocheting off the curb, or possibly even a part of the concrete--though I doubt it."

He pinpointed his position as being about in a direct line from the Texas School Book Depository Building on a downward angle in front of the Kennedy car.

His theory is that a bullet fired from the sixth floor of the depository building would have hit the curb in front of him if it had missed the

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car and its occupants altogether.

His position was approximately 100 yards from the depository window and 35 to 40 yards from the presidential limousine when the first bullet was fired he said.

The witness said he told his story that day to a Dallas detective at police headquarters and then was interviewed by agents in mid-December.

"The FEI talked to me for about 15 minutes and seemed mainly concerned about whether I knew Jack Ruby," he said.

"I was beginning to doubt myself after a while when nobody seemed to take my information very seriously," said the Dallas resident. "I kept my mouth shut after it became the accepted theory that all three bullets were accounted for."

What made him finally decide to talk about it again was the revelation last week that the Warren Commission had come around to the belief that only two of the three bullets actually hit President Kennedy and Gov. John Connally.

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