

November 28, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Recommendation To The
Meritorious Conduct Board

Sir:

At 12:31 P.M., November 22, 1963 the President Of The United States, John F. Kennedy, and Governor John Connally were shot by rifle fire on Elm Street, west of Houston Street. The President expired at Parkland Hospital at 1:00 P.M. Governor Connally was critically wounded.

At 1:18 P.M. a call came over the Police Radio, "Hello, hello, an officer has been shot at 400 East Tenth, and I think he is dead."

The officer was J. D. Tippit #248 who was taken to Methodist Hospital by Dudley-Hughes Ambulance and pronounced DCA at 1:25 P.M. He was shot in the right temple, right chest, and the center of his stomach approximately three inches above his waist line.


The murderer of Officer Tippit was arrested a short time later in the Texas Theater, 231 West Jefferson. He was subsequently proven to be the same man that assassinated the President and wounded Governor Connally.

Officer Tippit was assigned on District 78 but was pulled in closer into the area of the assassination to cover. The murder occurred on District 9A.

From the account of a witness, Officer Tippit stopped the suspect for interrogation, probably from a meager physical description. His clothing had been changed. They spoke briefly through the right front window of the squad car. The suspect was walking. The officer got out of his car and started around its front to the suspect when the murderer started shooting. The officer fell by the left front fender of his car.

I recommend that a Police Cross be awarded to Officer J. D. Tippit who lost his life in the performance of his duty.

Respectfully submitted,


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Captain of Police
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