

was east on Commerce to Central, north on Central to Elm, west on Elm to Houston, south on Houston to the rear of the County Jail where arrangements had been made with the Sheriff's Office to have the steel gates opened to the driveway leading to the back door of the Jail. Deputy Chief R. H. Lunday was at the County Jail with a detail of men holding the spectators to the west side of Houston Street.

Mr. Fleming called about 10:45 a.m. and said they were ready with the armored cars. Batchelor asked Mr. Fleming to bring the trucks to the Commerce Street side of the Police Building, back them into the exit ramp to the basement. After Mr. Fleming had called, Batchelor and Stevenson returned to the basement.

At this time Stevenson instructed Captain O. A. Jones to go to the Commerce Street ramp and have two (2) officers to assist the armored truck in backing down the ramp as far as it could go. He also instructed Captain Jones to take any detectives available on the third floor to the basement and assign them wherever he thought they were needed. Captain Jones contacted Patrolmen Jez and Patterson and passed on the instructions he had received. He turned and went back down the ramp and met Captain Talbert. He told Talbert what he had done so that these officers would not be moved.

Upon returning to the basement, Batchelor and Stevenson were asked by Jones if the photographers in the Jail Office should be there. Batchelor said no and caused them to be moved across the driveway.

Guards were placed on the exit doors from the Jail Office with instructions that photographers would not be allowed in that area. As the photographers moved into the ramp area, some drifted to the right and some to the left. At this time, Jones asked Batchelor if it would not be advisable to move all of the newsmen to the north ramp or behind the railing on the east side of the driveway. Batchelor agreed that this would be best. The remaining detectives that were not assigned were told to form a line on either side of the Jail door. This was for the purpose of getting the prisoner into the armored truck. The newsmen were instructed not to attempt to move close to the prisoner for the purpose of talking to him or to take photographs.

Chief Curry's car had been taken from the basement and double parked east of the exit ramp to lead the truck to the County Jail. Assistant Chief Batchelor then took his car from the basement, double parked it west of the exit ramp. Shortly thereafter, the armored trucks arrived. It was decided that the large overland truck would be best due to its accommodation of officers accompanying the prisoner. It was backed into the ramp, which is a rather steep grade. After the driver backed the truck