

into the ramp with the front wheels and cab of the truck on the outside, he recommended to Batchelor that it not be taken clear down to the bottom. He said the engine was cold and the truck was extremely heavy, and he feared in pulling out he would kill the motor. Batchelor looked at the space between the walls of the ramp and the sides of the truck and found that on the right side there was less than 1 foot of space and on the left side about 2 feet of space. It was decided that with officers placed in these spaces, it would be impossible for anyone to enter or leave, and it was decided that this would be the best method. The truck was left with the back wheels on the sloping ramp and the front wheels on the level sidewalk. Batchelor and Lieutenant Smart opened the back doors of the truck and searched it. They found two empty cold drink bottles and a loose bolt. They removed these items. An officer was placed on the right side of the truck between the wall and two officers on the left side of the truck between the wall.

Batchelor remained in the basement and Stevenson returned to the third floor and went to the Homicide Bureau where he was advised by Chief Curry that due to the threats, they had decided to use the truck as a decoy. It was decided to use three detective cars for the transporting and guarding of the prisoner. The truck was to go east on Commerce to Central Expressway, north on Central to Elm and west on Elm to Houston and south on Houston. It was not to enter the Jail, but continue past. The car bearing Oswald would cut off at Main Street on Central and proceed to the County Jail west on Main. Lieutenant Pierce was also in the Homicide office. He was instructed to take a car, park it in front of the armored truck and when given the signal, he was to lead the armored truck over the Elm Street route as had been originally planned. Lieutenant Pierce went to the basement, obtained his car, picked up Sergeant Putnam and Sergeant Maxey and drove around the City Hall to park his car in front of the armored truck on Commerce Street.

After talking with Chief Curry in the Homicide Bureau, Stevenson left the bureau, met Lumpkin at about 11:15 a.m. They both boarded the elevator and went to the basement. Lumpkin was advised of the change in plans on the way to the basement. On arrival in the basement, Stevenson also informed Batchelor and Jones of the change in plans, of transporting Oswald to the County Jail. Stevenson then proceeded across the driveway to the entrance to the garage where Detective C. W. Brown, driving one car, and Detective C. N. Dhority, driving a second car, were preparing to pull these cars onto the ramp behind the armored truck. Stevenson advised the officers on security detail in the basement and across the driveway to