

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Officer
Gerald L. Tolbert #1473
On Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 9:25 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963, while working Squad 53, with M. E. Farris #1852, we received a call on the Radio to contact Station 511 by telephone. M. E. Farris at this time made contact with Station 511 on the telephone and Squad 53 was advised to report to Station 511 on markout.

On arrival at Station 511 we were advised by other officers present to stand by at Station 511 until approximately 10 A.M. when we would be needed to transfer Lee H. Oswald to County Jail. At approximately 10:15 A.M. I was ordered to report to the basement of City Hall. On arrival I was instructed by Sergeant J. A. Putnam to back Squad Car #122 out of marked off basement parking area and line it up behind the station wagon at the north end of the basement, then stand by to drive squad car number 122 to the County in escort for the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald.

I was then advised by Sergeant Putnam to back squad car #122 into the parking area again and get three other officers to accompany me in the car. They were M. E. Farris, D. K. Erwin, and W. E. Hibbs. After I did this, I was advised by Sergeant Putnam to stand by the bottom of north ramp to City Hall Basement and check any vehicle that came down the ramp. No cars came down the ramp while I was standing at this position.

At approximately 10:55 A.M. I was taken off of this position by Sergeant Putnam and was assigned to the Elm Street and Pearl Expressway to work traffic. I was told Lee Harvey Oswald was to be transferred by armored car. A squad car would proceed the armored car and I was to halt traffic at my intersection until escort had cleared the intersection and then I was to proceed to the County Jail to assist with crowds at this location. I got in my squad and proceeded to my assignment. I arrived on my traffic corner at approximately 11:15 A.M. While standing at the intersection of Elm and Pearl, I observed two armored cars turn west on Elm Street from Pearl Expressway and proceed down Elm to Harwood. At approximately 11:25 A.M. a citizen stopped at the intersection and informed me that Lee Harvey Oswald had been shot in the basement of the City Hall. At this time I heard sirens and a squad car came down Pearl Expressway, and turned west on Elm to Harwood, running Code Three. A short time later I stopped traffic