

November 7, 1963

J.E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Information Concerning the  
Murder of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 11:00 or 11:15 a.m., I was instructed by Lieutenant Train to leave the Burglary and Theft Bureau and report to the area near the information desk to assist in any manner needed in the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald and await further instruction.

I rode down the elevator with several other detectives and a KODAK-V camera and two newsmen with this camera.

I alighted off the elevator and took a post near the jail office window to observe the crowd of photographers and newsmen who were in this area.

I was standing near the jail office window when the prisoner was escorted through the jail office. When he walked out of my view and out of the jail office, I walked toward the basement doors. I heard a shot and ran into the basement.

Several officers were pulling the prisoner and another man toward the jail office door, and I heard one of them call to get a doctor.

I heard a deputy sheriff officer at the basement door say, "I ran toward the officers and prisoners and up the ramp on the north side to prevent any one from entering or leaving the basement."

Respectfully submitted,

*R. J. Curgen*

Det. No. 1412, Detective  
Burglary and Theft Bureau

November 30, 1963

J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald  
Interview of D. L. Burgess

Sirs:

D. L. Burgess was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Allene and P. G. McCaghren at 3:55pm on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by D. L. Burgess:

I have been asked if I knew Jack Ruby. I do not know this man. I did not see this subject in the precinct prior to the shooting, and have not seen him since that time.

I do not know how the subject got into the back end of the City Hall.

I have not been interviewed by anyone regarding this incident prior to this date.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. C. Allene*

C. C. Allene  
Lieutenant of Precinct 3  
Dallas Police Department

*P. G. McCaghren*  
P. G. McCaghren  
Lieutenant of Precinct 1  
Dallas Police Department

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November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF PATROLMAN T. R. BURTON:

I left the City Hall basement for my traffic assignment, Commerce and Central Expressway, at approximately 11:00 A. M., and did not return prior to the shooting.

I met Jack Ruby about 1956, when he was operating the Vegas Club, and I was working that district.

I did not see Ruby in or about the City Hall. I have not seen Ruby in two or three years.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer  
T. R. Burton, #1308  
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:20 A.M. I was instructed to report to Station 511, along with my partner D.K. Erwin. I arrived at Station 511 about 9:40 A.M.

I stayed on Station 511 until approximately 10:15 A.M., when I was advised to report to the basement.

Sgt. P. T. Dean assigned me to Commerce and Central Expressway as my traffic assignment. I left immediately and stayed on my traffic assignment until Captain Talbert stopped, with my partner, and advised us to report to Parkland Memorial Hospital, Code 2.

Respectfully submitted,

*T. R. Burton*

T. R. Burton  
Patrolman #1308  
Patrol Division

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November 30, 1963

Mr. J. C. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

Sometime around 11:00 A. M. on November 24, 1963 Captain Frank Martin came into the Juvenile Bureau and asked that Detectives Lowery, Goolsby, Miller, Cutchshaw, Harrison and myself follow him to the City Hall basement. We did so. The basement was crowded with officers, newspaper, radio and television people. We proceeded to the area just outside the basement door that adjoins the parking area. We reported to Captain O. A. Jones who assigned the Detectives where he wanted them.

Shortly after our arrival an armored car backed partially on to the basement ramp on the Commerce Street side. Chief Batchelor, Sergeant P. T. Dean and myself proceeded to search the armored car. Nothing was found. I instructed officers on the Commerce Street exit not to let anyone in or out of the basement until we advised them otherwise.

Sergeant Dean and Chief Batchelor then left me with the armored car. Sergeant Dean returned and said his boss told him to ride inside the truck with the prisoner.

Shortly afterwards an unmarked police car drove on to the ramp from the basement area. This car parked near the jail door entrance on the ramp. I was aware from the excitement of the crowd that Lee Oswald was in sight but could not see anything for the police car between us. Next a shot was heard. I ran down, yelling to the officers not to let anyone out of the basement.

I was advised by someone that Jack Ruby had shot Oswald. In a very short time an ambulance came and removed Oswald.

Just prior to my taking my position on the armored car, I had looked over the crowd carefully that was gathered near the door. I have known Jack Ruby for years but did not see him at that time. This observation was approximately ten minutes before the shooting.

Respectfully,

*George Butler*  
George Butler  
Lieutenant  
Juvenile Bureau

December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF LT. GEORGE EUTLER:

I did see Jack Ruby in the City Hall, Friday; but, I did not see him in or near the City Hall on Sunday prior to the shooting.

December 23, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Supplement Report regarding the  
Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sir:

I hereby wish to supplement my report of November 24, 1963 concerning my activities at the time Lee Harvey Oswald was shot in the basement of the City Hall.

In searching the armored car that day, November 24, 1963, which was parked on the Commerce Street basement ramp, with Assistant Chief Charles Batchelor, we found an empty soda water bottle which fell out of the truck and broke.

This supplement made at the suggestion of Captain O. A. Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

*George E. Butler*

George E. Butler  
Lieutenant of Police  
Juvenile Bureau

CRB:mv

November 27, 1963

J. A. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Information regarding the  
murder of Lee Oswald

Sir:

On November 24, 1963 at approximately 11:00am, I was assigned by  
Lt. Lavin to the basement hallway around the Police Bureau.

I was standing by the last window on the left of the jail office  
observing the people gathered there, when Oswald was brought down.

Just as Oswald was taken out the jail office door leading to  
the drive, I heard what sounded like a shot.

I then saw Detectives Combust, Graver, and Levelle attempting to get  
Oswald, who was down, back into the jail office.

As I attempted to assist with Oswald the rush of others bringing  
in the suspect carried me into the jail office.

I then attempted to assist with Oswald until I was placed in the  
public street car.

After the public car left the McKinney and rode to Jackson's hospital.  
I stood guard at the front entrance to the hospital for the remainder  
of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. J. Campbell*  
J. J. Campbell  
Detective  
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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November 20, 1963

J. J. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald  
V. C. Campbell

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V. C. Campbell was interviewed by Lieutenants C. W. Wallace and J. G. McCaghren at 11:30 am on November 20, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 21, 1963. The following was stated by V. C. Campbell:

I have known Jack Ruby for about 5 years. I did not see him in the basement of the City Hall prior to the shooting, and do not recall seeing him in the City Hall before.

I have no idea how he got into the basement of the City Hall.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. W. Wallace*  
C. W. Wallace, Lieutenant  
Juvenile Bureau

*J. G. McCaghren*  
J. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant  
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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November 30, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,  
Patrolman Arthur C. Capps, 1963

On November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman Arthur C. Capps was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Joe Hoover which was not covered in his original report dated November 29, 1963.

Patrolman Capps advised that at his place of assignment no one was allowed to pass except police officers. Two men in civilian dress were stopped by him as they were walking toward the City Hall. One of these men was identified as a police sergeant and the other as a patrolman assigned to the Accident Investigation Bureau, but he could not identify himself as he had left his identification at home. Officer Capps advised that these two people were identified as being allowed to pass by Officer Patterson. These were the only two people dressed in civilian clothes who were allowed to pass through police lines at his location.

Capps further stated that he has not been contacted by any Federal agency at this time.

Very truly yours,

*J. J. Cornwell*  
J. J. Cornwell, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

*Jack Russell*  
Jack Russell, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:45 A. M.
2. I reported to Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to North side of Commerce Street in front of City Hall and Credit Union to keep side walk clear. I was at this location at the time of the shooting.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:  
Reserve Officer Wayne Harrison.
5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?  
Did not see Ruby at all.

Signed:

Arthur Capps  
Arthur Capps

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. W. Conroy  
Chief of Police

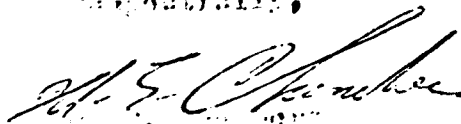
Subject: Incident Involving Lee Harvey  
Oswald

Sir:

On November 24, 1963, at approximately 11:15 A. M., I was standing in the basement of the Police building as part of a security guard. I was standing about five feet from the door of the jail. Mr. Oswald was led by no one and I was attempting to keep people away from him. I was standing just behind Mr. Oswald and saw a flash and heard a shot. I saw Mr. Oswald fall and this man was then facing me but he was crouched over. I caught a glimpse of a pistol he had in his right hand. I attempted to get the pistol and grabbed his arm. At that instant someone else grabbed the pistol and several other officers were helping to subdue him.

We then took the suspect into the jail office and searched him. Some other officers placed him on the jail elevator and I was ordered to go to Medical Hospital to help the officers there.

Respectfully,



Detective 117  
Room 22 Bureau

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December 1, 1963

J. W. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald  
Interview of W. E. Chambers

Sirs:

W. E. Chambers was interviewed by Lieutenant W. E. Hill and S. G. Rodgers at 4:05 pm on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by W. E. Chambers:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby. I do not know him. I was standing beside the jail office door and was guarding it. There was a large group of people coming and going. I was told by Captain Jones to keep the area personnel away from the prisoners. I was there approximately 15 minutes before Oswald was brought out.

After the shot was fired, I helped subdue the suspect, who I later found out to be Jack Ruby. I assisted in removing Ruby to the jail office. Later I helped carry and load Oswald in the ambulance.

I overheard Detective Cutchshaw talking to two TV cameramen. Cutchshaw was saying that three of the cameramen came in with the camera and there were only two at the present time. The question was, where was the other man. I related this information to Captain Stagg.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. E. Chambers*  
W. E. Chambers, Lieutenant  
Juvenile Bureau

*I. G. Pedersen*  
I. G. Pedersen, Lieutenant  
Registry & Post Bureau

December 1, 1963

J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald  
Interview of E. S. Clardy

Sirs:

E. S. Clardy was interviewed by Lieutenants G. C. Wallace and J. E. McLaughlin at 3:20 am on November 30, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by E. S. Clardy:

After the shot was fired, I went to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor with the prisoner. He was being questioned by several officers, and as I recall, the officers were Glenn Fin, Sgt. W. B. Nease, and Mr. [unclear] of the [unclear] service. When asked why he did it, he replied, "Somebody had to do it, I'll do it."

When asked how he got in, he said that he walked by the officer on the ramp when he turned to talk to "Big Fierce", who drove out the entrance. He said he heard somebody yell, "Hey you." He didn't know where it came from, so he ducked his head and kept walking.

He also told us that he sent \$25.00 by wire to a girl in St. North.

He said also that it was a spur of the moment thing and it was a million to one chance that he got down there at the actual time Oswald was brought down.

I have been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They talked to me Monday around 2:30. I gave them the same information I have given here.

Respectfully submitted,

*G. C. Wallace*  
G. C. Wallace, Lieutenant  
Juvenile Bureau

*J. E. McLaughlin*  
J. E. McLaughlin, Lieutenant  
Burglary & Theft Bureau

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

I would like to submit the following report regarding the incident occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

On the morning of November 24, 1963 while on duty in the Auto Theft Bureau, Lieutenant Smart advised me not to leave the City Hall as I was to be available when the prisoner was escorted from the City Jail. About 10:00 a.m. Lieutenant Smart advised me and the other officers in the bureau to report to the jail office. Upon arrival I took a position near the southwest corner near the driveway. A couple of minutes before the prisoner was brought down, I had looked over the crowd, and, at this time, I did not see Jack Ruby in the crowd. I have known Jack Ruby for eight to ten years, and if I had seen him I would have recognized him.

As word was heard that the subject was being brought down, I was watching the driveway to the basement and to the driveway to Commerce Street where the armored truck was. I saw a fast blur of movement out of the corner of my left eye, and, before I could turn, I heard a shot. As I turned I partly lost my footing and was bumped by people from both sides at the same time. Before I could get balanced, the subject, Jack Ruby, was under a pile of officers.

I helped others try to keep the press back until both the prisoner and Jack Ruby were taken inside the jail office. I then went to the jail office, and at that time Detective J.C. Watson was at the door keeping other people from entering. Detective McMillon, Detective Archer, Detective Blackie Harrison, and Lieutenant Smart, and another officer were holding Jack Ruby on the floor. I took Detective McMillon's gun and placed his gun and my gun in the locker. Then Detective McMillon, Detective Archer, Detective Blackie Harrison, and myself took Jack Ruby directly to the fifth floor where we searched him. Then I took the handcuffs off and gave them to Detective McMillon as they were his cuffs. We then stripped Jack Ruby to his skin and searched his clothing completely.

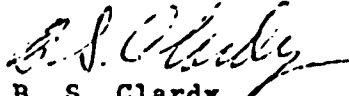
Lieutenant Baker of homicide had been contacted and requested that we stay with the prisoner until the arrival of officers from the Homicide Bureau. Detective Harrison had left after helping take the prisoner up. Detective McMillon, Detective Archer, and myself were with the prisoner. Mr. Sorells of the Secret Service came to the jail office and talked to him briefly and left. Then F.B.I. Agent Hall came up and talked to Jack Ruby for some time, probably two hours or better.

A jailer came back and told us that a lawyer was to see Jack Ruby and it had been okayed by the Homicide Bureau. I am not sure which jailer this was. We took the prisoner to the fourth floor, Detective Archer, Detective McMillon, F.B.I. Agent Hall, one of the jailers,

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and myself. He talked to a lawyer for about two minutes. Before he was returned to the fifth floor, he was checked by a city doctor who was on duty at this time. We returned to the fifth floor and F. B. I. Agent Hall continued to question Ruby until Homicide Detective E. L. Boyd, Detective M. G. Hall, and Detective Montgomery arrived on the fifth floor at about 2:30 p.m. Along with the three Homicide officers and Agent Hall we escorted the prisoner to the Homicide Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,



B. S. Clardy  
Detective  
Criminal Investigation Division



On The morning of Nov 24 1963 while on duty in the auto theft Bureau. Lt Smart advised not to leave the city hall as we was to be available when the prisoner was escorted from the City Jail. at about 10am Lt Smart and me and other officers in the Bureau to report to the jail office. Upon arrival I took a position near the South West corner near the driveway. A couple of minutes before the prisoner was brought down I had looked over the crowd, and at this time I did not see Jack Ruby in the crowd. I have known Jack Ruby for 8 to 10 years and if I had seen him I would have recognized him. As word was heard that subject was being brought down I was watching to the driveway to the basement and to driveway to Commerce St where the armored truck was. I saw a fast blur of movement out of corner of my left eye, and before I could turn hear a shot. As I turned I partly lost my footing and was bumped by people from both sides at the same time. Before I could get balanced, the subject Ruby was under a pile of officers. I helped other officers try to keep the prisoner back, until both the prisoner and Jack Ruby was taken inside the jail office then went into the jail office, and at time Det J.C. Watson was at door keeping other people from entering. Det McMillion, Det Archer, Det Blackie Harrison Lt Smart and another officer was holding Jack Ruby on the floor. I took Det McMillion's gun and placed his gun in my gun in locker. Then Det McMillion, Det Archer, Det Blackie Harrison and myself took Jack Ruby directly to the floor. Where we searched him and then I took the handcuffs off and gave to McMillion as they were his cuffs. We then stripped Jack Ruby to his skin and searched clothing completely. Lt Baker of Homicide had been contacted and we stay with the prisoner until arrival of officers from the Homicide Bureau. Det Harrison had left after helping take the prisoner up. Det McMillion, Archer and myself was with the prisoner, and Mr Sorrells of the Secret Service came to jail office and talked to him briefly and left. Then FBI Agent Hall came up and had talked to Jack Ruby for some time, probably 2 hours or better. Jailer came back and told us that a lawyer was to see Jack Ruby, and it had been okayed by the Homicide Bureau, I am not sure which jailer this was. We took prisoner to the 4th floor, Det Archer, Det McMillion, FBI Agent Hall of the Jailers and myself. He talked to a lawyer for about 2 minutes. Before he was returned to the 5th floor, he was checked by a city doctor who was on duty at this time. We returned to the 5th floor and FBI Agent Hall continued to question Ruby until Homicide Det E.L. Boyd, Det M.G. Hall, and Det Montgomery arrived on the 5th floor at about 2.30 PM. Along with the three Homicide officers and Agent Hall we escorted the prisoner to the Homicide Bureau.

Signed

Det C.S. Clardy

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November 29, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Detective B. H. Combast, 1148

On November 29, 1963 Detective B. H. Combast was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in Combast's original report dated November 24, 1963.

Detective Combast stated, after reading his original report, that he had nothing of significance to add. He stated that he had known Ruby for several years, but that he did not see him in the basement prior to the shooting.

Detective Combast stated that he had not been interviewed by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Revell*  
Jack Revell, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

*F. J. Cornwell*  
F. J. Cornwell, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Lee  
Harvey Oswald

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was working regular hours of 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. in the Special Service Bureau, Vice Section.

At approximately 10:50 A.M., I was in the basement of City Hall near the jail office. I was engaged in conversation with Detective B. L. Beaty and Officer J. D. Hutchinson. We were approached by Captain O. A. Jones. Captain Jones told us to remain in the basement near the jail office. He further stated that all the other available officers in City Hall would be down into the basement soon.

I overheard Sergeant J. A. Putnam reiterate his orders to the officer and the reserve officer working the passageway leading out of the basement into the parking basement. He stated very emphatically to the officer that no one but police and press members with press passes were to be admitted to the parking basement.

A short time later several officers and detectives came down from upstairs. Captain Jones took all officers out into the passageway just outside the jail office. He told all of us that we were to form a line on each side of the passageway in order to make a lane for the prisoner Oswald to be escorted. He told some officers to get all the newsmen out of the jail office booking room. He then cleared the passageway immediately outside the jail office. At this time Sergeant J. A. Putnam asked all the newsmen to move to the far side of the driveway, this being the side across from the jail office. Captain Jones then told officers to keep the lines that we had and for officers to fall in behind and to keep newsmen from rushing in.

Besides the above listed officers, other officers that I remember to be in the basement were:

R. L. Lowery #1081, Chief M. W. Stevenson #16, T. D. McMillon #1349, W. E. Chambers #1087, Sgt. P. T. Dean #882, L. D. Montgomery #1047, J. R. Leavelle #736, L. C. Graves #702, C. N. Dhority #476, Charles Goolsby #1141, W. J. Harrison #579, L. D. Miller #1236, Capt. F. M. Martin #397.

W. J. Cutchshaw #1111, Capt. C. E. Talbert #463, Lt. W. L. Wiggins #434, Chief Chas. Batchelor #11, Lt. G. E. Butler #51, Lt. R. E. Swain #531, C. W. Brown #759, Capt. J. W. Fritz #9.

I did not observe anyone that I knew who did not belong in the basement. Everyone that I saw were either police or people I thought to be newsmen. I did not observe Jack Ruby until just seconds before the shooting.

Respectfully submitted,

*B. H. Combest*

B. H. Combest #1148  
Detective, Vice Section  
Special Service Bureau

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November 5, 1963

Mr. J. W. Gurr,  
Chief of Police

Sir:


Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,  
Sergeant Roland A. Cox, #03

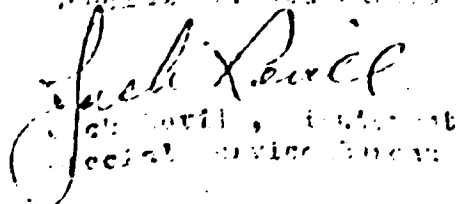
On November 5, 1963 Reserve Officer, Sergeant Roland A. Cox was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

After having read his original report, Cox stated that he could not see anything of significance to this report.

Cox further stated that he has not been contacted by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

  
Jack Lovell, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 10:00 A. M.
2. I reported to Lt. Ben McCoy
3. I was assigned to Commerce Street on South side to keep crowd under control, and on the South sidewalk.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:  
Reserve Sergeants J. R. Hopkins and Mayo.
5. Did you know Ruby?

Yes, I worked at Vegas Club for special service about nine years ago.

6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

Did not see Ruby at anytime on Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Signed

  
Roland A. Cox

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. H. Barry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,  
Patrolman Alvin B. Craig, 285

On November 29, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman Alvin B. Craig was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 27, 1963.

After having read his original report, Craig states that there is nothing of significance which he could add to the first report.

Craig further stated that at the time he had not been contacted by any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. I. Cornwall*

J. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant  
Social Services Bureau

*Jack Revill*

Jack Revill, Lieutenant  
Social Services Bureau

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:30 A. M.
2. I reported to Lt. Merrell in Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to the portion of the driveway that leads from the ramps to the parking area. I was at this post as guard from about 9:45 to 10:00 A. M. I was then assigned to assist Officer Nelson in the corridor where the barred windows open into the jail office. I was at this place till about 30 minutes after the shooting.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:  
Capt. Talbert, two detectives (names unknown), and Reserve Lt. Merrell.
5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

I got a glimpse of him in the jail office, but kept my eyes on the people in the basement.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

A. H. Craig



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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

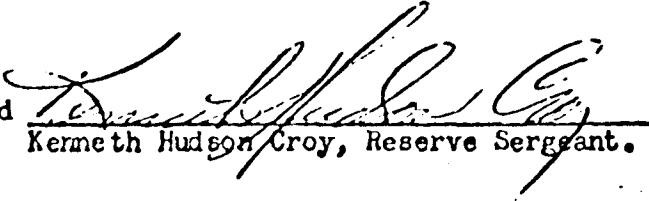
Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 8:35 A. M.
2. I reported to Lt. Merrell (Assembly Room)
3. I was assigned to the basement and Jail Office entrance, and my assignment was that of a guard.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:  
Res. Capt. C. O. Arnett, Res. Lt. B. C. McCoy, Res. Lt. D. T. Suits,  
Res. Lt. H. M. Kriss, Res. Officer Gano Worley.
5. Did you know Ruby? Yes and no (see next statement)
6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

Approximately three years ago, Jack Ruby bought myself and two other officers breakfast at Lucas B&B Cafe on Oak Lawn at 3:00 A. M. I have not seen this man since, however I have been in his club on several occasions when riding observation.

Signed

  
Kenneth Hudson Croy, Reserve Sergeant.

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Interview of Reserve Police Officer  
Sergeant Kenneth Croy

Sir:

On December 1, 1963, Reserve Sergeant Croy was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

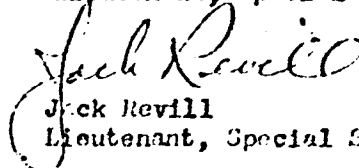
During this interview pertinent facts were uncovered and an affidavit was given by Mr. Croy concerning this. This affidavit is attached to this report.

Reserve Officer Sergeant Croy stated that he had not been interviewed by any Federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



F. I. Cornwall  
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau



Jack Revill  
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau

Enclosure: Affidavit





November 30, 1963

J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald  
Interview of W. J. Cutchshaw

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W. J. Cutchshaw was interviewed at 2:00 pm this date by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren. This interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. W. J. Cutchshaw added the following:

I have been advised that I know Jack [redacted] of [redacted], but I do not recognize him by sight. After arriving in the [redacted], I was told that this [redacted] [redacted] of the [redacted] [redacted] Club.

I have not seen the person who shot Oswald in the City Hall before or prior to the shooting.

I was interviewed in Juvale's Bureau at approximately 7:00 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent [redacted].

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace

P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant  
Juvale's Bureau

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P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant  
Burglar & Theft Bureau

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November 24, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sir:

At the time that Oswald was being brought down from the jail, I was stationed next to the door leading to the jail office. Prior to Oswald coming out, a T. V. Camera was pushed out of the basement lobby into the basement. There were three men pushing the camera. The man with the green shirt was on the right and the man with the black rain coat was on the left. The third person was in the center and had on a dark suit. He was bent over low behind the camera pushing on the base. The camera was pushed down the ramp into the parking area but was not hooked up. After the shooting the camera was being pushed up the ramp by two men. The man in the dark suit was not one of them. I stopped the two men and asked them where the other man was that helped them push the camera out. They stated that no one was with them.

After the shot, I jumped on the man and had him by the left arm. I held this position till we reached the jail office door where I had to release my hold so they could get inside the jail office. After they got inside I stood guard on the door.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. J. Cutchshaw*

W. J. Cutchshaw  
Detective, ID#1111  
Juvenile Bureau  
Criminal Investigation Division

*W. J. Cutchshaw*

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

December 3, 1963

Re: Interview with Mr. N. J. Daniels,  
2229 Sutter


Sir:

On November 29, 1963, Mr. N. J. Daniels was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald and if he could give any information as to how Jack Ruby gained entrance to the basement of the City Hall.

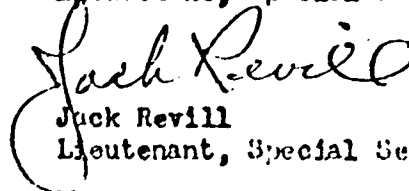
A lengthy interview was held with Mr. Daniels and an affidavit-in-fact taken - copy attached.

Mr. N. J. Daniels stated at the time of this interview that he had not been contacted by any Federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,



F. I. Cornwall  
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau



Jack Revill  
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau

Enclosure: Affidavit

# AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, Ann Schreiber

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H. J. Daniels,  
2229 Sutter, Dallas, Texas, FR 4-6179.

Who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: On Sunday, November 24, at approximately 11:00 A.M., I came up to the Main Street ramp to the basement of the city hall. I was standing on the Western Union side of the ramp and I spoke to Officer Vaughn, he was on duty at that location. Officer Vaughn was standing in the center of the ramp keeping people from entering the basement of the city hall. I had been standing there several minutes when a squad car drove up the ramp with three officers inside, they drove on to Main Street and turned west on Main. At this time Officer Vaughn stepped out into the middle of Main Street and stopped the west bound traffic on Main so this squad car could make its turn on Main Street. For a brief moment while Officer Vaughn was blocking traffic, the ramp entrance at this location was left unguarded. I was standing at the east corner of the ramp and turned to watch Officer Vaughn stop the traffic. From the position where I was standing it was impossible for anyone to walk behind me and gain entrance into the basement. I did not notice anyone walk in front of me and go into the basement. At this time I was thinking to myself that if I saw anyone go in I would so advise Officer Vaughn. After stopping traffic for this squad car Officer Vaughn took up his duties in the middle of the ramp. Several minutes later I stepped out towards the street so that I could have a better view down the ramp. As I did so I noticed a white male, approximately 50 years of age, 5'10", weighing about 155-160, wearing a dark (blue or brown) single breasted suit, white shirt, and dark colored tie, this man was not wearing a hat, he had light colored hair thinning on top, round face, kind of small head, fair complexion, he was not wearing an overcoat nor was he carrying one but he did have his right hand inside of his right suit coat pocket, approaching the ramp from the direction of the Western Union. This person walked in the ramp and into the basement going between Officer Vaughn and the east side of the building. Officer Vaughn at this time was standing at the top of the ramp in the middle of it facing towards Main. I did not see Officer Vaughn challenge this person nor did he show any signs of recognizing him,

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 196

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

*Handwritten signature/initials*



AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DALLAS

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BEFORE ME, Ann Schreiber

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. J. Daniels

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Who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

...ner even being aware that he was passing, but I know that he saw him. It struck me odd at the time that Officer Vaughn did not say something to this man. Approximately two minutes after this man had walked down the ramp I saw quite a bit of movement in the basement outside the jail office and then I heard a shot. From the time that I first spoke to Officer Vaughn until I heard the shot, which was approximately a period of twenty-five minutes, at no time did I see anyone leave or enter the basement of the city hall from the ramp entrance on Main Street except one squad car which contained three officers and this one unknown white man who entered. On Monday, November 25, 1963, at approximately 9:00 A.M., Officer Vaughn called me on the telephone at home and asked me if I had noticed anyone going into the basement while Lieutenant Fierce was coming out, I told him 'no' I did not. He told me he was bothered about the possibility that someone could have gone in there while Lieutenant Fierce and the other two officers were coming out in the squad car. I told him 'no, I did not.' But I did not mention the other fellow I saw go in because I was sure he had seen him.

W. J. Daniels

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 29 DAY OF November A.D. 1963

Ann Schreiber  
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

December 12, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Polygraph examination given to  
W. J. Daniels C/M/32

Sir:

At 3:10 P.M., December 11, 1963, a polygraph examination was given to W. J. Daniels.

This examination was given to determine if Mr. Daniels was telling the truth in the statement he had given.

During the pre-test interview with Mr. Daniels, he stated that he was sure the person he stated he had seen enter the city hall basement was not Jack Ruby. He stated that he was shown a picture of Jack Ruby and that Ruby did not look like the person he stated that he had seen. He was very confused during this interview and stated he was not sure of anything in his statement. He also stated that he felt like the squad he saw come out of the basement had enough time to get to the county jail before this person entered the basement of the city hall.

He was then placed on the polygraph and the following pertinent questions were asked and answers given.

1. Have you told the complete truth in the statement you gave?  
Answer: Yes Indication: False
2. Have you deliberately made up any of this story?  
Answer: No Indication: False
3. Do you think the person you stated you saw enter the basement at that time was Jack Ruby?  
Answer: No Indication: True
4. Did you actually see the person you described come from the direction of the West Union?  
Answer: Yes Indication: False
5. Do you think this person entered the basement of the city hall after the squad drove out? Did not answer this question.

December 12, 1963

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6. Have you seen the person you described in your statement around the city hall before? Did not answer this question.
7. Have you given a true description of the person you stated you saw enter the basement of the city hall?  
Answer: Yes Indication: False
8. Did you actually see the person you described enter the basement of the city hall?  
Answer: Yes Indication: False
9. Did you get a good look at this person?  
Answer: Yes Indication: False

Most of the above questions were repeated on other charts with the same answers given and same indications noted.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. I. Bentley*  
H. I. Bentley  
Detective of Police  
Identification Bureau

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AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME,

*Ruby Smith*

ROBY SMITH

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared James R. Davidson - 4708 Meigwood, Palairo, Texas - NO 4-3206

who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

I was in Dallas to cover the assassination of President Kennedy. I was called by ABC of New York on Friday afternoon, November 22 to represent them. I arrived in Dallas about 7:15 p.m. Friday, November 22, 1963. My crew and I were set up on the third floor of the Police and Courts Building most the time. Warren Ferguson - free lance - sound man - 5406 Windswept, Houston, HO 5-6461, was the sound man and Bill Lord, Staff Reporter for APC - New York, 7 West 66th Street, New York, 36, was in control. We worked from the third floor of the Police and Courts Building Friday night, all day Saturday and most of Saturday night. Since the shooting of Oswald Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, I have seen Ruby personally while photographing him and have also seen pictures of him. To the best of my knowledge, I never saw Jack Ruby prior to the shooting of Oswald on Sunday, November 24, 1963.

On Sunday morning, Bill Lord moved us to the jail office to cover the transfer of Oswald to the County Jail. This was about 8:30 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00 a.m. I spent most of the time standing on a shelf with a camera waiting for Oswald to come out of the elevator. This shelf is on the last wall of the jail office.

Warren Ferguson was with me as the sound man. Bill Lord had been called to one of the pay phones just outside the jail office and he remained on this phone to New York to keep the line open before and during the shooting of Oswald.

At about 10:00 a.m. an officer came into the jail office and stated we would have to clear the room. Everyone but the police personnel were removed.

James R. Davidson - 4708 Woodgewood, Belaire, Texas - HO 4-3206

Warren Ferguson and I then got up in the hall just outside the jail office where I could get a picture of Oswald through the jail office window as he left the elevator. We stayed here until the officers brought Oswald off the elevator and through the jail office door into the entrance to the parking area. I got some movie film of Oswald and the officers leaving the elevator and going through the jail office. I then followed through the double doors into the entry area to the parking area. I was outside the double doors taking sound movie at the time the shot was fired. There were a number of people between me and Oswald and these people blocked my line of vision so I did not get a good shot of Oswald. Warren Ferguson was with me during this time. A cluster of officers re-entered the jail office and I backed into the hallway just outside the jail office and took shots of the activity in the jail office through the jail office window. After the jail office was cleared, I went inside and received permission from a lieutenant to photograph the inside of the jail office.

Either a UPI or a CBS cameraman was in the jail office prior to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 24, 1963. His sound crew was with him, but at about 10:30 a.m. the sound crew was sent to cover an interview with Mrs. Connally at Parkland. The UPI or CBS cameraman had a Bellax hand camera and until we were cleared from the jail office, he stood at the East counter inside the jail office. A two man NBC crew was also in the jail office standing at the same counter with the UPI or CBS man. When the jail office was cleared the NBC crew and the UPI or CBS man moved to the corridor outside the jail office with me and all of us were taking pictures through the same window.

As soon as the NBC crew had photographed Oswald leaving the elevator, they took their equipment and ran down the corridor inside the Police and Courts building toward Commerce Street to attempt to obtain a picture of Oswald being driven to the County Jail.

The UPI or CBS man after photographing Oswald coming off the elevator ran out the double doors entering the basement parking area ahead of Oswald. I understand he got pictures of the shooting and that he got knocked down during the melee.

James R. Davidson - 4708 Woodgwood, Lelaire, Texas - HO 4-3206

I don't recall any of the other press representatives that were present in or around the area where Oswald was shot.

When I entered the basement on Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, my credentials were checked by a police officer as we left the elevator. I did not have any identification pinned on my clothes. I was in and out of the basement 2 or 3 times during the morning of November 24, 1963. My credentials were checked each time I returned to the jail office area.

I have been interviewed by an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

James R. Davidson  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 24 DAY OF November A.D. 1963

Ruby Smith  
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

RUBY SMITH

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. E. Barry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,  
Patrolman Robert T. Davis, 257

On November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman Robert T. Davis was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

After having read his original report, Davis stated that there is nothing of significance which he could add to this first report.

Davis further stated that at this time he has not been contacted by any Federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,

*F. I. Corwani*

F. I. Corwani, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

*Jack Ravell*  
Jack Ravell, Lieutenant  
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Captain J. M. Solomon  
Dallas Police Reserve Coordinator  
Dallas Police Department  
2828 Shorecrest Drive  
Dallas 35, Texas

Dear Captain Solomon:

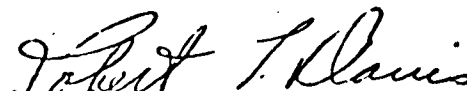
I reported for duty in the Assembly Room, Sunday, November 24, 1963, at approximately 8:30 AM. I waited in the Assembly Room until I was assigned to help search the basement garage. I searched cars in spaces one through 16 and the two cars beside the outbound ramp. I also crawled behind the air conditioning machinery beside the outbound ramp to make sure no one was there. I was then assigned to the corner of Commerce and Harwood with Reserve Officer Harold Jacobs and was instructed to allow no one to pass down the north sidewalk of Commerce unless they were police officers or had a "press card."

I stopped traffic at this intersection to allow the armored car turn from Harwood on to Commerce. I was standing on the northeast corner of Commerce and Harwood when the shooting took place.

A few seconds after the shot was fired, a detective ran out and instructed us to seal off all exits. I proceeded to the Harwood exit and there Sgt. Putman and I apprehended a suspect who was running down the hall on the Court's floor of City Hall. I put my handcuffs on him, took him to the Homicide Bureau and stayed with him for about 30 minutes. Detectives then released the suspect and me and I returned to the Assembly Room.

I did not see Ruby until about 6:00 PM when I reported to the 5th Floor Jail to guard him with Reserve Officer D. J. McDonald. Until that time I had never met Mr. Ruby.

Yours truly,

  
Robert T. Davis  
Reserve Officer #957



November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

I should like to submit the following report of the events occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

I was on duty in the Auto Theft Bureau beginning at 8:00 a.m. I was told to stand by in the office until further notice. At approximately 11:45 a.m. all members of our bureau on duty, except the desk man, went to the basement of the City Hall and waited in the corridor just outside the jail office.

About fifteen minutes later the prisoner was brought down to the jail office and we heard he was being brought through the office. At this time I closed the double doors and held them, not allowing anyone through these doors as he was escorted out the door of the booking office.

I could see the prisoner for a few seconds through the doors glass partition. At this time I heard a shot, but could not see the prisoner or the person who fired the shot. The photographers in the corridor behind me had to take their pictures through the glass. Then the prisoner was taken back into the booking office until the ambulance arrived and he was placed in it with officers escorting him.

I did not see the man who fired the shot because he was hustled out of sight into the jail office and elevator. I did not see the man before or after the shot was fired, but heard the name Jack Ruby called out as the man who shot the prisoner.

I was told by Captain Jones to remain on this door until relieved and check everyone who entered or exited for their credentials, as Press Photographers, Press Reporters, and authorized Police and City of Dallas civilian personnel on duty. I was relieved about thirty minutes later by Lieutenant R. E. Pierce who said I could return to my office.

Respectfully submitted,



H. L. Dawson  
Detective  
Criminal Investigation Division

November 30, 1963

J. A. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald  
Interview of Harold Dawson

Sirs:

Harold Dawson was interviewed at 1:40pm on November 29, 1963 by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McLaughlin. Dawson added the following to his original report:

I have re-read the statement I made November 27, 1963. The only correction I would like to make is in the time element, which occurred approximately 30 or 40 minutes earlier than I originally stated.

At approximately 11:15 I was dispatched to the back end of the City Hall by Lt. Smart to act as security for Lee Oswald. When we got to the basement, we waited in the jail corridor approximately 15 minutes. We then heard that Oswald was on his way down, and there were some photographers and reporters on the stairs. I closed the doors and wouldn't let them come onto the corridor, so that no one could come in behind me. No one told us to close the doors.

When he was shot, I was at the same place. I heard the shot, but I couldn't see him or the man who shot him.

I would also like to add that I knew Jack Ruby by sight and would recognize him if I saw him, but I have not seen him in the City Hall.

I have talked to Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent Harlow, and I explained to him that I had guessed at the time in my original report, and was probably in error.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. C. Wallace*  
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant  
Juvenile Bureau

*P. G. McLaughlin*  
P. G. McLaughlin, Lieutenant  
Burglary & Theft Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Sergeant  
Patriok T. Dean On  
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:00 A.M., I was advised by Lieutenant R. S. Pierce to take a group of men and thoroughly search the garage portion of the basement. This assignment was in preparation and security purposes in the transfer of Harvey Lee Oswald, W/M/24, to the County Jail from the City Jail.

I then obtained thirteen (13) Reserve Officers from the Detail Room and with the aid of Sergeant J. A. Putnam, Officers L. E. Jez, and A. R. Brook we conducted a systematic search of the basement. The men were advised to check very carefully the cars, trucks, and the overhanging pipes, and air conditioning ducts. Before the search was started at the northern side of the basement, the following men were assigned at these locations:

B. G. Patterson	Top of ramp on Commerce
R. E. Vaughn	Top of ramp on Main
A. R. Brook	Basement Elevators
R. C. Nelson	Basement Entrance From City Hall
Reserve Officer	South Portion Of Basement At The Engine Room Entrance

These men were advised to permit no one in the basement other than properly identified pressmen or law-enforcement officers, and not to leave these assignments for any reason until relieved, by either myself or Sergeant Putnam.

The above assignments were later supplemented by the officers as follows:

L. E. Jez	Top Commerce Street Ramp
L. C. Taylor	Top Commerce Street Ramp

In addition numerous reserve officers (names of which I did not retain) were assigned to these locations.

At approximately 11:00 A.M. an armored car was backed into the Commerce Street Exit to the basement.

*H. Statements*

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Shortly after, approximately 11:15 A.M., Lieutenant Pierce approached me just outside the Jail Office and advised me to ride in the Armored Car and to give him two (2) officers to go with him in his car. I advised Sergeant Putnam to get an unassigned man (Sergeant Maxey) and go with Lieutenant Pierce.

I then went to the Armored Car and remained approximately five minutes until I heard the shot and saw the commotion at the bottom of the ramp which was approximately fifty (50) feet from me.

I immediately ran to the location to assist the officers with the crowd.

It was then, while the detectives had the suspect on the floor, that I recognized him (the suspect) as Jack Ruby.

I knew Jack Ruby as the manager of the Carousel Club located in the 1300 block of Commerce. I met him while I was assigned as a sergeant on Zone 100 which includes the location of the Carousel Club.

At no time during the day had I seen Jack Ruby either in nor around the City Hall. In fact I have not seen him for several months.


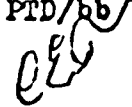
At approximately 12:00 Noon Chief Curry contacted me just outside his office and instructed me to escort Mr. Forrest V. Sorrells, Agent in charge of the local Secret Service, to the Fifth Floor Jail for Mr. Sorrells to interview Mr. Ruby.

After Mr. Sorrells interrogated the subject I questioned Ruby as to how he had entered the basement and the length of time he had been there. Ruby then stated to me in the presence of Sorrells that he had entered the basement through the ramp entering on Main Street. He further stated that he would estimate his total time as about three minutes before the detectives brought Oswald into his view, then he immediately shot him (Oswald).

Respectfully submitted,



Patriok T. Dean,  
Sergeant of Police  
Patrol Division

PTD/bb  
  


December 3, 1963

STATEMENT OF P. T. DEAN:

I know Jack Ruby and would recognize him on sight.

I did not see him in or about the City Hall prior to the shooting.

All other facts are covered in my report of November 26, 1963.

December 8, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Information concerning article  
published December 8, 1963,  
Dallas Times Herald.

Sir:

*J.T. Dean*

On December 7, 1963, at approximately 1:30 P.M., I received a telephone call at my home from a person identifying himself as Darwin Payne, representative of the Dallas Times Herald.

Mr. Payne stated his reason for calling was to verify statements made by me to the Radio and Television News Media on November 24, 1963 shortly after the assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald (accused assassinator of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.)

Mr. Payne then asked several questions pertaining to that interview of November 24, 1963. Mr. Payne's questions seemed to be verbatim of the interview in question.

I will quote them as near as possible as they were asked, in their sequence and also my answers, which were nearly always in the affirmative or negative.

Mr. Payne: - "Were you at the Armored Car when the shot was fired?"

Answer: - "Yes."

Payne: - "Did you see the person that fired the shot at the time it was fired?"

Answer: - "No."

Payne: - "Did you see the person that fired the shot shortly after it was fired?"

Answer: - "Yes."

Payne: - "Where? Was he inside the jail office and on the floor at that time?"

Answer: - "Yes - he was on the floor and being restrained and handcuffed by several plainclothes officers."

Payne: - "Did you recognize the subject at that time as a person you knew by sight?"

Answer: - "Yes."

Questions: - "What led you to believe this?"

Answers: - "This was stated in your previous interview." (Relating to the original interview of November 24, 1963.)

I then stated to Mr. Payne that I had never made such a statement to him or anyone to substantiate this conclusion. Mr. Payne then stated that he had read to me my original interview and I had confirmed all the statements in the article and that he could prove them. I advised him again that I had not, and then asked him where he had obtained a copy of my interview.

Mr. Payne then seemed to evade this question and asked me to let him call the person that had given him this assignment and that he would have him call me. I again asked him from whom he had received the assignment and he evaded again and then stated that he had not written the story, that he had only verified my previous interview. This was contradictory to his original statement, that he had written the story. He then asked me not to call the City Editor as he would contact him and advise him that I was protesting the article.

After asking him the third time Mr. Payne then stated Mr. Ken Smart (As I recollect, had assigned him the job.)

I then asked Mr. Payne if he didn't think such a statement on my part would jeopardize my job. He answered, "I imagine it would." I then thanked Mr. Payne and terminated the conversation.

At this time I contacted Captain C. E. Talbert and advised him that the article was relative to my conversation the previous day. Captain Talbert suggested I call Chief Fisher at home.

I tried to call Chief Fisher, also Chief Batchelor, and Chief Curry. I made no contact with anyone of these Chiefs. This was approximately 10:30 A.M.

I then called the Chief's offices downtown in an effort to locate one of them. Captain C. A. Jones answered and when I identified myself he (Captain Jones) advised me to come downtown, that he wanted to talk to me. I asked him was it regarding the article in the paper and he stated yes.

At no time during my conversations with Mr. Payne or anyone from the Times Herald was there any verbal abuse or altercation.

Respectfully submitted,

P. TREVORE DEAN  
SERGEANT OF POLICE  
PATROL DIVISION

HT/pf

Payne: - "Did you or had you seen this person prior to this time in or around the City Hall?"

Answer: - "No."

Payne: - "And you didn't see this person enter from the Main Street ramp?"

Answer: - "Definetely not."

Payne: - "Did you see anything at the time of the shooting?"

I assumed by this question that he meant a flash from the gun-fire and I asked him was this what he meant and he said yes. I then advised him that I saw smoke from the blast, and I ran immediately to the scene to control the crowd.

This terminated his questions and I asked Mr. Payne the reason for him calling as all this was old news. He then stated he was just verifying this interview and that he didn't really know what the Times Herald was going to do with this information.

I made myself very clear to Mr. Payne that I had not seen Ruby at anytime before the shooting in or around the City Hall.

On Sunday when I arrived at my home I noticed the subject article and read same with much interest and reached the conclusion that this article possibly had evolved from the telephone conversation on the previous day.

I immediately called an acquaintance and friend that is employed by the Times Herald to ascertain the identity of the reporter and this person stated that he did not know who had written the article. I then noticed the name of a reporter in the same edition, Mr. Bob Kenley, and I called him, identified myself and asked him if he could advise me who had written the article. Mr. Kenley stated that he didn't know for sure and related several names of persons that would have been on duty and mentioned the name of this Darwin Payne. I recognized this as the person that had called me.

I then called Mr. Payne at his home, telephone WH 6-5892, and asked him if he had written the article and he stated that he did.

The following are questions and answers I asked of Mr. Payne during this telephone conversation.

Question: - "Why did you print that I had seen Ruby enter the basement?"

Mr. Payne then answered: - "Well, I thought that you had seen him."



Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

December 5, 1963

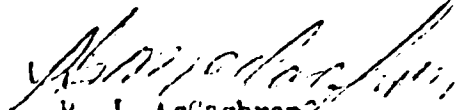
Re: Interview with Nolan Dement  
White Male - 19 years old  
3301 Worth St.  
TA 6-1190

Sirs:

Mr. Dement was interviewed at his place of employment, Colonial Western Insurance Company, at approximately 1:30 p.m., December 5, 1963, to determine if he had been in the basement of the City Hall on the morning of the Oswald shooting and to know and determine if he had taken any pictures while there.

Mr. Dement stated he had not entered the basement of the City Hall; that he was on the Commerce Street side of the City Hall on the morning of the shooting; did not take any pictures and could not add anything of value to the investigation.

Respectfully submitted,



P. J. McCaghren  
Lieutenant, Burglary & Theft Bureau



C. C. Wallace  
Lieutenant, Juvenile Bureau

REPORT ON OFFICIALS DUTIES IN REGARDS TO OSWALD'S MURDER

C. W. FURRY - 1176

Sunday, November 21, 1963, about 9:30 AM, Capt. Fritz directed Dets. J. R. Leavalle, L. C. Graves and myself to go to the fifth floor jail and bring Lee Harvey Oswald to his office. We brought Oswald to Captain Fritz's office, where he was interrogated by Capt. Fritz, Mr. Kelly of the Secret Service, Mr. Ferrrels of the Secret Service, and Mr. Holmes of the Postal Department. They talked to Oswald until about 11:10 AM. Chief Curry came into Capt. Fritz's office when the interrogation was going on. At the end of the interrogation, Capt. Fritz gave me the keys to his car, and told me to park it along the door from the jail office in the basement. I went to the basement and unlocked Capt. Fritz's car and proceeded to drive the car into the driveway. There was a plain black police car in front of me, and the officers who I could not recognize, drove this car up the ramp to Main Street exit. I was backing Capt. Fritz's car in front of the jail office, and was having trouble getting through the news reporters that had jammed the ramp driveway. While I was backing up, I was turned around in the seat locking back to keep from running over the reporters. Capt. Fritz came out of the jail door, followed by Det. J. F. Leavalle handcuffed to Oswald. Det. L. C. Graves was to Oswald's left. They were walking to the car while I was still moving the car back. Capt. Fritz opened the right rear door of the car I was driving, and I noticed a man move quickly across the right rear of the car. This man moved to Oswald and shot. I recognized this man as Jack Ruby, a man I had seen a few times before in previous years. When Ruby shot, Det. Graves grabbed the pistol Ruby had in his hand. The crowd of reporters closed in with the police officers, and I jumped out of the car, and went into the jail office.