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Gun Taken from Stripper At Bond Hearing for Ruby

DALLAS (AP) — Officers took a pistol from a stripper called as a witness today in the bond hearing for Jack Ruby, night club operator held in the death of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

The gun was found under a scarf in the purse of a stripper named Karen Lyn Bennett, 19—known as Little Lyn—who performs in Ruby's Carousel Club.

It was found as officers searched witnesses before they were taken into the courtroom to be sworn as a group. The witnesses, including Miss Bennett, were sworn, then taken into an anteroom to await their calls to the stand.

Shortly after Ruby's arrest, Miss Bennett said Ruby had sent her money for her rent. She lives in Fort Worth.

MEANWHILE, defense attorney Melvin Belli tried to establish whether Dallas police had taken precautions against "a man with an inflamed mind" in preparing for the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murder in the assassination of the President, from the City Hall to the County Jail.

It was when Oswald was being led from the Dallas City jail that Ruby stepped from a crowd of newsmen and gunned him down.

Belli asked the "inflamed mind" question of hom/ Capt. Will Fritz. Fritz re// that no one had mention//

man with an inflamed mind" at the time plans were being made for the transfer.

Ruby's attorneys have indicated they will base his defense on an insanity plea. His trial is scheduled Feb. 3.

TODAY'S HEARING is confined to the issue whether Ruby, held in County Jail since the shooting of Oswald, should be released on bond.

Sheriff Bill Decker said Miss Bennett was placed under arrest after the pistol was found in her purse. "She will be charged with carrying a concealed weapon," he said.

Ruby had been moved from his cell to the courtroom early this morning, surrounded by a shield of deputies.

The balding 52-year-old Ruby, wearing a dark suit and a gray tie, listened intently as Fritz described the shooting of Oswald, saying he heard a shot and saw Ruby lying on the pavement as officers wrested a .25 snub-nose pistol from him.

Before the proceedings started, Ruby posed for photographers—who were banned from the room during the actual hearing—and shook hands with

a number of persons. He appeared calm and smiled often.

WHEN THE HEARING started before District Judge Joe Brown, District Attorney Henry Wade entered five state exhibits including a copy of the murder indictment against Ruby and called Fritz as the first witness.

Fritz said that elaborate preparations were made for the transfer of Oswald on Nov. 24 and that the armored car at the police station was to have been a decoy and that the accused assassin of the President was to have been taken in a police car to the County Jail.

Fritz said that as he started to open the door of the car he heard a shot and turned to see officers disarming Ruby.

"When I saw him he was on the pavement and the pistol had been twisted from his hand," Fritz said. Under questioning he said "I didn't see the shot fired but I know who killed Oswald."

Ruby sat with four of his attorneys — Belli, Joe Tommhill, Sam Brody and Phil Berroughs—at one end of the long table in front of the judge's bench while Wade and three assistants sat at the other end.

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