

REPORT FROM FAMILY

Ruby's Bible Mentor May Be One of Deputies Guarding County Jail Cell

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The mystery man whom Jack Ruby credits with helping him find a new meaning in the Bible may be one of the deputy sheriffs who stands guard outside Ruby's isolated jail cell.

The Times Herald learned Tuesday that Ruby has told members of his family that one deputy in particular has provided the inspirational insight that, according to Ruby, has helped him to "grasp the true meaning of the Bible."

Sheriff Bill Decker, however, doubts it's one man.

"They're all talking about the Bible up there all the time," said the sheriff. "I've even talked religion with him."

In an interview before the change of venue hearing began last Monday, Ruby revealed that he was reading the Bible extensively. He said an unnamed Protestant (Ruby is Jewish) had helped him realize that men of different faiths can live and worship one God together.

"This has had a tremendous effect on me," Ruby told newsmen then.

The fact that the man may be one of Ruby's guards was brought to light later in the week when Mrs. Eva Grant, Ruby's sister, collared a uniformed deputy in the courtroom and said:

"Oh, you're the man whose been helping Jack read the Bible."

The deputy, obviously embar-

assed, mumbled, "I have nothing to say" and walked away.

The deputy in question is a regular patrolman who is on special assignment for Mr. Decker as a guard outside Ruby's cell in an undisclosed section of the Dallas County Jail.

He and several others have been the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald's closest companions since Ruby was transferred to the County Jail from the City Jail on Nov. 2—the day after Oswald was shot.

"I think Mrs. Grant had the wrong man," Sheriff Decker told The Times Herald Tuesday. "He's (Ruby) been talking with all of the men up there, but as far as I know, no one any more than another."

The sheriff said Ruby has received a deluge of Bibles from people throughout the world.

"More come in every day or so," he said. "Last week a boy stopped up here in the courtroom and gave me a book called 'You and Your God'—and I passed it on to Jack."

As for direct contact from clergymen, Mr. Decker said Rabbi Hillel E. Silverman of Dallas' Congregation Shearith Israel, Ruby's own synagogue, has been the only one Ruby has seen