

Sheriff Intensifies Security for Ruby

Already-tight security to protect Jack Ruby from an assassin was intensified Thursday by Sheriff Bill Decker after four mentally deranged persons — one armed with a loaded pistol — have tried to crash the gate at the murder trial.

Two more men were arrested at the courthouse Thursday by sheriff's deputies. One was in the district attorney's office, and another was just outside the courtroom where selection of a jury for Ruby entered a fourth day.

A 46-year-old Tupelo, Miss., man was arrested after he walked into Dist. Atty. Henry Wade's office about 8 a.m. Thursday, asking for directions to "offices of Ruby's attorneys."

DA's investigator Bud Adkins said the man claimed he knew all about Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald.

Ruby is charged with killing Oswald, President Kennedy's accused assassin, in the City Hall basement on Nov. 24.

Later a 23-year-old Dallas resident, on furlough from the Terrill State (Mental) Hospital, was arrested after he repeatedly tried to enter the courtroom.

Decker and 21 of his men (plus a woman deputy who searches women entering the court) are only a part of the guard force with the primary mission of preventing harm to Ruby.

In addition, 10 top-flight detectives of the Dallas police department — six of them from the intelligence unit — "fan" the large crowd of spectators for known characters or suspicious persons.

On Monday, David Conrad Glass, a 39-year-old logger from Beatty, Ore., was arrested while carrying a loaded .32-caliber automatic pistol into the district attorney's office.

"My guardian angel must have been perched on my shoulder when the first one (Glass) came," Decker said.

"Fortunately, they caught him in the district attorney's office in the Records Building before he got a chance to come to court. He was promptly turned over to us," the sheriff said.

Glass, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon remained in jail Thursday, said he carried the gun only for protection.

But he also told Deputy Sheriff Allan Sweatt: "I got arrested on a peace bond in Albuquerque (N.M.) last July. The judge and the woman who filed charges on me said that President Kennedy would be killed in Dallas Nov. 22 by Oswald, and that Ruby was going to then kill Oswald. I was supposed to come here and kill Ruby."

The judge in Albuquerque said if the man ever comes across the New Mexico line again, he will get treatment for mental illness.

The Mississippi man claimed he saw Ruby playing the part of a clown and Oswald was the master of ceremonies in a show at Gulfport, Miss., last summer. His mother told wire services he had been treated at a Veterans Administration hospital for mental illness.

The Dallas man home from the mental hospital was arrested when he tried to push his way past deputies. Explaining why his pockets were jammed with a variety of matches, he said "I smoke a lot." He later was released to his mother.

During the change of venue hearing, a 74-year-old woman from Phoenix, Ariz., arrived at the courtroom, demanding admittance.

She told Deputy Sheriff Rosemary Allen, "I want to testify about my book."

"The book ('How I Lived With Cancer and Arthritis for 20 Years') has never been published. President Kennedy told me by radio that it would be published, but four publishers already have turned it down."

"... I know that if I could testify about what President Kennedy told me on radio, then I could get my book published," she said.

Decker summed up the added problem to security:

"Mental illness is a pathetic thing. For some reason the Ruby trial acts like a magnet in drawing them here."