

## Wade Sidetracks Oswald's Mother

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade blocked Mrs. Marguerite Oswald Tuesday from attending the murder trial of Jack Ruby, the striptease club manager who shot her son to death.

Wade also cut short a press conference which Mrs. Oswald started in a corridor outside the courtroom.

The district attorney did so by subpoenaing Mrs. Oswald as a prosecution witness.

Judge Joe B. Brown informed Mrs. Oswald that witnesses had been placed "under the rule." This means they must remain outside the courtroom and are allowed to discuss the case only with lawyers.

The mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was shot by Ruby while millions watched on television, let reporters know that she didn't approve of Wade's strategy.

"If this is justice, I want no part of it," she declared. "My dander is up. This is what I don't like . . . I don't like being pushed."

Prosecutors indicated they had no intention of placing Mrs. Oswald on the stand.

First Assistant Dist. Atty. A. D. Jim Bowie said they didn't want Mrs. Oswald in the courtroom because they feared she might disrupt the trial with an outburst. Bowie noted this could force Judge Brown to end the trial abruptly and start over trying Ruby.

Clad in a black dress, her grey hair pulled into a tight bun, Mrs. Oswald stood in a corridor outside the courtroom and began holding a press conference shortly before testimony started.

She was only a few feet from a bench reserved for witnesses.

Above it were two signs. One said "Witnesses Only" while the other warned, "Do Not Talk to Witnesses."

Mrs. Oswald told reporters, "I have thought this over thoroughly and I have now decided to attend the trial. I think this will satisfy me as a mother. This should really be Lee's trial and my presence may give me just some little new clue."

Sheriff Bill Decker pushed his way through the cluster of cameramen and reporters, saying, "She has been subpoenaed. She is now a witness."



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Mrs. Marguerite Oswald waves the subpoena which Sheriff Bill Decker handed her when she arrived at the Jack Ruby murder trial in Dallas Tuesday.