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Eavesdrop Plot Claimed by Ruby

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A jail guard who gained Jack Ruby's confidence used hidden electronic devices to record conversations with him, the convicted killer has charged.

Sheriff Bill Decker Tuesday denied the allegation.

"Unbeknownst to me, this man was equipped with every type of modern equipment to record everything stated whether you are a mile or 10 feet away," said Ruby during his rambling discourse on the stand Monday.

"Unfortunately for me, I had been placed with a wonderful and charming guard to look after me," Ruby said. "It was conspiracy to gain information through me. I didn't realize this until later when

Belli told me this was an old game—they give you the Bible routine." He said the guard discussed religion and the Bible with him to gain his confidence.

Ruby said he told the guard many confidential things, such as how he became involved in the tragedy and why he was "so suddenly carried away."

"All these things were being transcribed in another part of this particular building."

At one point during his 45-minute talk, Ruby noticed Judge Louis Holland gazing toward the ceiling.

"I hope it doesn't bore you, but this is history being made at this moment, your honor," said Ruby.

When Ruby asked attorney Joe Topahill to question him, the Jasper lawyer replied: "I think it would be cruel and inhuman to question him, your honor."

"It's strange, I can remember everything told me and I can remember everything from Sunday morning when I read that article, one about 16 or so inches long. It was a letter addressed to Caroline about how she was going to get along without her dad," said Ruby, appearing to be near tears for the only time during his testimony. "Alongside it was a one- or two-inch item stating Mrs. Kennedy may have to come back for a trial in Dallas, Tex.," he continued.

"What quirked me from then, I will never know the answer. That is the truth, so help me God," he said.

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