

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:00 A. M.
2. I reported to Lt. Herrell in Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to - My first act was to request transportation for five Reserves to the Elm-Houston Area. Request was through Chief Lunday and Lt. Wiggins. A squad transferred these men. Sgt. Dean requested some men to assist in searching the basement. I summoned all the men we had on call in the assembly room at this time (approximately 10 men) and went with Sgt. Dean to the basement. Sgt. Dean and Sgt. Putnam directed the Reserves to other regular officers that were in process of searching the basement. When the search was completed and men assigned to a post, I took a position where the cars would enter the parking area from the ramp.

I remained in this position until Reserve J. C. Hunt took this position. I then took a position at the base of the North ramp where it levels off. I remained at this position until after the shooting. Persons who were at this same position just prior to and at the time of the shooting were: A newsmen with a microphone next to the west wall, then myself, then another newsmen with a pencil and paper, then Capt. King, then another person to the east of Capt. King. Officer Blackie Harrison along with others I did not know the names of were directly ahead of the group I was with.

After men had been assigned, Police Supervisors were requesting men, if we could spare them, and several were taken to other positions outside the basement. Some Reserve Supervisors who had no particular assignment took these positions that were being vacated.

I saw Capt. Fritz entering the basement from the jail office, approximately four or five feet behind were the detectives with Oswald. Just as they entered the driveway I saw a man lunge (from beside the TV Camera that was on the east side of the drive where you enter the parking area) toward Oswald. I did not see the gun until after the shooting.

4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Capt. King, Sgt. Dean & Putnam, Capt. Talbert, Det. Beaty, Harrison, Lt. Wiggins, Officer Slack, Chief Batchelor.
Reserves - Lts. McCoy, Kriss, Suits, Sgt. Croy, J. C. Hunt, H. H. Hatley, R. A. Cox, J. R. Hopkins, G. E. Worley, Easten.

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5. Did you know Ruby? Not my name - but by sight as a night club operator.
6. When and under what circumstances did you see Ruby?

See statement in body of report.

Signed:

C. O. Arnett
C. O. Arnett, Reserve Captain