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# Ruby Quoted as Planning Oswald Slaying

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**DALLAS, March 6**—A policeman testified today that Jack Ruby said he planned the murder of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald for two days to spare Mrs. John F. Kennedy a return trip here for a trial.

Sgt. Patrick T. Dean of the Police Patrol Division also quoted Ruby as saying he "wanted the world to know that Jews have guts."

The testimony rocked Ruby's murder trial after jurors watched television films of the shooting. Then prosecutors rested their case against the 32-year-old striptease club operator.

First defense witness was Mrs. Karen Bennett, a 19-year-old pregnant stripper, whose appearance on the stand was delayed when she nearly was bowled over in the corridor by escaping jail prisoners.

After several minutes, Mrs. Bennett was helped to the witness stand by attorney Melvin Belli and testified with jurors and most everyone else in the courtroom unaware of what had happened.

The stripper, known professionally as Little Lynn, testified she called Ruby from Fort Worth between 10 and 10:30 a.m. the morning of Nov. 24 to ask for money. Telephone records timed the call at exactly 10:18 a.m.

This was 18 minutes after the announced time for Oswald's transfer from the city jail to county jail, but an hour before it actually started.

**Sounded Strange**  
 Mrs. Bennett, speaking with a fetching Texas drawl, said Ruby sounded strange on the phone.

"He sounded as if he had been crying, was crying or about to cry," she testified. "He sounded far away. I had to ask three times if he was still there."

She quoted him as saying either he had to go downtown or was going downtown, and that he would drop the money off at the Western Union office.

A \$25 money order sent by Ruby to Mrs. Bennett was time-stamped 11:17 a.m. Oswald was shot exactly four minutes later in the city hall basement a block away.

It is the defense contention that Ruby came on the scene quite by accident and, at the fateful moment Oswald appeared, shot him in a state of sane equivalent to legal insanity.

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Dean's testimony, the most damaging yet to Ruby's defense of temporary insanity, was branded by his attorneys as "false" and "illegal."

Dean testified he took a Secret Service man to interview Ruby in the jail about 10 minutes after Oswald was gunned down in the basement of City Hall the morning of Nov. 24.

After the Secret Service man questioned Ruby about five minutes and left, Dean

said he also asked Ruby some questions.

He said Ruby told him he had entered the underground garage as a car was being driven out and that he had been in there only a few minutes.

**Saw Oswald at Showup**

Then, under District Attorney Henry Wade's questions, which defense attorney Melvin Belli labeled "grossly leading and suggestive," Dean dropped his bombshells.

Ruby "said something about he thought of this two night's prior when he saw Lee Harvey Oswald at the showup," Dean testified.

"He said he believed in due process of law, but he was so torn up over events—that this man had not only killed the President but also officer J. D. Tippit, and he was emotionally torn up.

"He said the outcome of the trial was inevitable that Oswald would get the death penalty. He said he didn't see any sense in prolonging the trial and subjecting Mrs. Kennedy to coming back to Dallas for the trial."

Dean said Ruby told him it was when he saw a "sarcastic sneer" on Oswald's face as the accused assassin was brought before the press the preceding Friday night that the idea formed in his mind. "He said that's when he first thought that when he got the chance he would kill him," Dean testified.

"He said he just wanted the world to know that Jews do have guts."

In an hour-long cross-examination by Belli that was not as strenuous as expected, Dean conceded that Ruby had not used the word "planned."

"He just said it was two nights prior that the thought first came to him," Dean said.

Did you inform him of his constitutional rights, if any?" asked Belli.

"No, sir," Dean replied.

Two hours were spent at the start of today's session for the showing of the television films.

It was the first time Ruby had seen the films. He showed no emotion, and often directed his gaze down toward the counsel table instead of at the screen.