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An unsuccessful attempt was coported to have been made hast night to shoot Norman Hooten, Galveston County game, warden who is writing a book on conversations he had with Jack Ruby.

According to La Marque deputy sheriff Karl Phillips, Hoolen's automobile was shou and hit while the game warden

was driving on Wind-A-Mere Road near League City.

Phillips said the incident happened about 7:30 p.m. and, that one window in the automobile was struck by the blast.

Hooten was not injured, according to Phillips, and was unavailable for comment Thursday at his offices with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Galveston.

Galveston County criminal investigator Fred Griegor said the shooting was reported to saw officers in Texas City about

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> p.m. Griegor said the incident happened on a country road. He could not reveal any information on who might have fired the shot, and could not definitely state a reason for the shooting.

The matter is of course being

investigated now, Griegor said, Hoolen is presently conbut could not release any pleting a manuscript on conadditional information.

League City police chief B. Ta Austin said he drove out to the scene of the attempted shooting last night but Hooten wasn there and neither was the automobile he was driving.

Austin said he hadn't been able to fully investigate the matter and can't say anything now.

He said he heard of the shooting over the radio but hasn't been able to talk with Hooten' personally. He is planning to locate Hooten today.

Sheriff J. B. Kline said today the sheriff's department is not investigating the report that a large caliber bullet came within 18 inches of killing Hooten. Sheriff Kline said that the Deague City police department i investigating the shooting. He said, however, because of public interest he was sending deputy sheriff Fred Grieger to see if he could offer any assistance to the League City police department.

"If deputy Grieger works of it, you can be assured there will be a report," the sheriff said.

Hoolen is presently com ersation he had with Jack Ruby while Ruby was a prisoner the Dallas County jail. Hooten had reported earlier that his book when published this spring or summer would reveal many things which the public and law officials all over the nation have been wondering. Hooten said he believes New orleans district attorney Jim Garrison is "on the right track," in his probe into a possible conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy.,

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