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A spokesman for New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison who is conducting a probe into the assassination of President Kennedy indicated Thursday his office may contact Norman Hooten who was the target of an unsuccessful attack from armed men in a speeding automobile Wednesday night.

Hooten, a Galveston County game warden, is writing a book on conversations he had with Jack Ruby while Ruby, who shot presidential assassin

suspect Lee Harvey Oswald, was being held in the Dallas County Jail.

"WE VERY PROBABLY will contact him (Hooten)," Michael Karmazin, special assistant to the New Orleans district attorney, said. "We probably will invite him to talk with us about it. Of course, it would be very presumptuous of me to attempt to foretell what he could tell us."

"We're always interested in talking with people who have a connection with the case, and most voluntarily come forward," Karmazin said.

Karmazin said he was unfamiliar with Hooten and that as far as he knew no one from the district attorney's office had made any attempt to contact Hooten earlier.

Hooten said in an earlier interview that a man who said he was from the New Orleans district attorney's office, called him and wanted to talk about the contents of a manuscript which Hooten is writing on Ruby.

"NOTHING WAS discussed in particular," Hooten said at the time, "because as far as I was concerned, he wasn't properly identified."

Hooten said Thursday he was fired upon by men in an automobile which followed him as he turned off on a deserted street inside the League City city limits. Hooten was alone and on patrol at the time.

Hooten said the automobile, a dark colored late model vehicle, had no tail lights and no license plate light.

The incident occurred, Hooten said, on Wind-A-Mere Road which connects Farris Road 518 with Farm Road 517. He said the shooting took place between 7:30 and 8 p.m. He said he often patrols the area in his duties as a game warden.

"I HAD TURNED off 518 and was going south when I noticed that the car turned off behind me. I slowed down because he was right on my rear bumper and I wanted him to pass me," Hooten said. "The two cars were approaching a curve, Hooten said.

"They passed me while I was nearly stopped and I heard the shot, but I was dumbfounded and didn't know what had happened," he said.

The bullet fired from the passing automobile missed Hooten's head by approximately 18 inches. It struck the rear side window on the driver's side of the State Parks and Wildlife

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Department automobile Hooten was driving at the time and shattered the rear side window on the passengers' side of the car as it traveled completely through the vehicle.

"I LOOKED IN the back and saw glass all over the car and when I looked to see if I could see the car

but it was traveling so fast that it was already gone," he said.

He said he didn't try to shoot at the vehicle, although he was wearing a pistol at the time as part of his game warden uniform, because "I didn't have time."

HOOTEN SAID he made an attempt to radio other game wardens in the area in the hope that someone could block the other end of the road at its intersection with FM 517, but his radio, which had not been functioning properly, wouldn't work.

His radio is a departmental instrument, he said, and could only be used to contact other game wardens with similar radios in their cars.

He said he drove into the downtown area of League City trying all the while to contact someone with the radio but was able to establish contact with only a game warden in Anahuac.

HE SAID HE told the Anahuac game warden to notify the Department of Public Safety that assistance was needed and about that time spotted a League City patrol car. He said he hailed the patrol car and told League City police of the shooting.



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