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# Police Chief Discounts Hooten's Story

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League City police have discounted Galveston County game warden Norman Hooten's story that he was attacked Wednesday night by armed men in an automobile, and Police Chief B. T. Austin has closed the case.

Hooten had said he was the target of what he believed to be a "gangland" style assassination attempt Wednesday night by armed gunmen who fired at him as he was driving on a lonely shell road in League City.

Both rear side windows of Hooten's car were shattered by a gunshot blast.

Hooten has said he is in the process of writing a manuscript dealing with conversations he had with Jack Ruby while Ruby was being held in the Dallas County Jail after killing Lee Harvey Oswald.

"The case is closed as far as I am concerned on this particular incident, the shooting," Austin said Friday night.

He said a young couple parked about 25 feet from the spot where Hooten said the shooting attack occurred denied hearing a shot fired and said no automobile had been driven down the road during the time Hooten said he was shot at.

The young couple was

reported to have been found parked in their automobile when League City police drove to the site where Hooten said his automobile was hit by a bullet.

Austin declined to name the couple, but did say the two were a high school age boy and girl.

Austin also said Hooten declined to take a lie detector test concerning the matter.

A reliable source said Hooten was requested Thursday to take the lie detector test and that he was taken to Austin Friday where he was questioned by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Austin also indicated that the alleged shot fired at Hooten would have had to have been made almost at point blank range. He said the two vehicles could have been no more than two feet apart.

In a prepared statement, Austin said, "The findings of this department in regard to the alleged shooting reported by Norman H. Hooten are as follows:

"Both rear door windows of Hooten's state vehicle were shot out with a single shot on Wind-A-Mere Road.

"Because of the width of the road on which the shooting was reported to have taken place, the two vehicles could have been no further than two feet apart when the alleged shot was fired

from the unidentified vehicle.

"Shortly after the shooting was reported, a young couple was contacted by League City police officers and they (the couple) reported that no vehicle had passed their location. They were parked at a point near the location where the shot was said to have been fired.

"They were south of the location and approximately 25 feet west of Wind-A-Mere Road.

"The unidentified car reportedly left the scene headed south on Wind-A-Mere Road, with no exit points for several miles.

"The young couple advised that no car had passed their location. They also advised that they had been there sometime prior to the time the shot was reported to have been fired.

"Hooten insists on telling all to the news media against advice of investigation officers.

"Hooten advised he was having radio trouble and could not contact no one 'successfully'."

"His supervisor advised this department that he received the call from Hooten about 8 p.m. that night and Hooten asked him 'Where are you?'"

"His supervisor replied, 'I am at home.'"

"Hooten then said, 'I need to talk to you on public service. It is urgent.'"

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"Enroute into League City Hooten passed seven or eight businesses such as restaurants and service stations with public telephones and it was by chance only that he contacted the League City police officer where he did.

"Hooten did not wish to be placed on a lie detector machine."

Hooten reported the shooting incident to League City police about 8:15 p.m. He said he was fired upon sometime between 7:30 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, night.

Hooten told news media Thursday afternoon that he was on a night-time patrol heading south on Wind-A-Mere Road when the attack took place. He said an automobile followed him when he turned off Farm Road 518 onto the country road and was "right on my bumper."

Hooten said he slowed down his State Parks and Wildlife vehicle and was "almost stopped" when the second vehicle passed him in the the shot was fired.

He said the tail-lights of the vehicle were not on, and the light above the back license plate was not operating. He said he did not give chase and did not fire on the other vehicle because he did not have time after he realized what had happened.



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