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Mrs. HELEN MARKHAM, residence 328 East 9th Street, Dallas, advised she is employed as a waitress at the Eatwell Cafe, 1404 Main Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. At that time, her working hours were from 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

Mrs. MARKHAM was interviewed at the intersection of East 10th and Patton Streets, Dallas, at which time she furnished the following information concerning the events she witnessed at that area on the afternoon of November 22, 1963:

At about 1:00 PM, Mrs. MARKHAM had gone to the public pay phone in the washateria, which is located on the first floor of the apartment house where she resides, 328 East 9th Street. She had attempted to call her daughter prior to leaving the apartment house and catching a bus at the intersection of Patton and Jefferson Streets, which would take her to her place of employment in the downtown area of Dallas. She was unable to reach her daughter because the line was busy, and stated that as she left the washateria she noticed that the time was 1:04 PM, according to a clock on the wall in the washateria.

She left the washateria and walked south on Patton Street, stopping at the northwest corner of the intersection of Patton and East 10th Street. She advised that she had hoped to catch a bus at about 1:15 PM. She stopped at this intersection in order to allow a police squad car and some other cars, the exact number not recalled, to pass by. The police squad car was going east on 10th Street at a slow rate of speed. As it passed, she observed a young man, who she later identified at the Dallas Police Department as LEE HARVEY OSWALD, diagonally across the street from her, or on the southeast corner of the intersection of 10th and Patton Streets. OSWALD was walking on the south side of the street and finally stopped at a point approximately 100 feet east of the intersection. Mrs. MARKHAM could see that the officer, who was alone in the squad car, was talking to the man she identified as OSWALD, but she could not hear what was being said. OSWALD walked from the sidewalk over to the police car with his arms crossed. OSWALD leaned forward, placing his arms on the window sill of the police car, and she could observe he was talking to the officer through an open window.

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which would have been the front window on the passenger side of the squad car. Mrs. MARKHAM stated she started to cross the street and then looked back at the squad car. At this point, OSWALD straightened up, put his hands in his pockets, and stepped back about two steps from the squad car and then stepped to the right or in an easterly direction about one or two steps. During this time that OSWALD was stepping back, the officer slowly got out of the police car and walked towards the front of the car or in an easterly direction. He had taken two or three steps and was about even with the left front wheel of the squad car when OSWALD pulled a gun out (Mrs. MARKHAM stated she could not recall in which hand the gun was held) and fired three times rapidly across the hood of the car. The gun was held in front of OSWALD and about level with his belt. The officer fell forward on his left side onto the pavement. OSWALD, with the gun in his hand, turned and walked west down the sidewalk towards Patton Street. As he approached the intersection, he looked diagonally across the street directly at Mrs. MARKHAM. Mrs. MARKHAM stated she thought that this man would then shoot her and she was terrified at that time. She put her hands in front of her face and slowly pulled them down to see what would happen.

After OSWALD had gotten to the southeast corner of Patton and 10th, he started running diagonally across the street in a southwesterly direction to the west side of Patton. She last saw OSWALD as he was running down Patton Street.

Mrs. MARKHAM then ran, screaming, to the spot where the officer was lying on the pavement. She stated she kept screaming for someone to come help her, but no one responded. She said after she got to the officer's side he attempted to say something but was unable to get any words out. About five or ten minutes later, some man came to where the officer was lying, turned the officer over, took his gun and left. She stated she had no idea who this man was or where he went.

Photographs were taken from the spot designated by Mrs. MARKHAM at the northwest corner of Patton and East 10th Streets, where she was standing and witnessing the above events. These photographs were taken towards the area where the officer

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was shot and where, at the time the photographs were taken, a police car was parked in the same spot as where the officer's car was parked on November 22, 1963.

Photographs were also taken of the apartment building where Mrs. MARKHAM resides, 328 East 9th Street, and looking south down Patton Street towards the intersection of East 10th and Patton Streets.