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Mass Escape Plan Aided by Probe Figure

A Parish Prison inmate questioned on two occasions by the district attorney's office in the John F. Kennedy murder plot investigation helped plan a mass escape early yesterday, Warden A. J. Falkenstein said today.

Falkenstein identified the man as Eugene Sanner, 29, who missed the actual escape try because ~~he~~ was removed to Illinois Friday on four counts of burglary. Sanner was taken to Illinois after a hearing before Criminal District Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

Sanner reportedly had information that David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald had been in Illinois gathering guns for an invasion of Cuba.

TH ESIX WOULD-BE escapees were back in their cells today after being stranded for almost four hours on the prison roof, unable to find a way to the ground.

Once atop the prison, they tried to make a rope from mattress ticking to lower themselves the 80 feet to the ground, but the makeshift

rope turned out to be too short, they told Warden A. J. Falkenstein.

HOURS LATER they found a rope left behind by city workers and used it to lower themselves to a first floor storehouse. From there they slid down a pipe to the ground.

They halted after Deputy Marshal Casse spotted them running toward the outside gate and fired a warning shot.

The prisoners were identified as James Case, 19, 1525 Thalia st., awaiting trial on car theft charges; Jack E. Johnson, 23, Detroit, charged with forgery; Wilbert J. Smith, Danville, Va., charged with armed robbery and possession of stolen goods; Richard Elsass, 20, Fall River, Mass., charged as a fugitive from Montana; Donald R. Ireson, 23, Danville, Va., charged with two counts of armed robbery; and Cecil R. Nanson, 18, Wichita, Kan., charged with auto theft and possession of stolen goods.

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