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# ODOM SAYS HE MET SHAW HERE IN 1966

## Was Trying to Promote Bullfight, He States

Lee Odom, whose Dallas post office box was found in Clay Shaw's address book, said in an interview in a Dallas suburb Wednesday that he met Shaw here last year when he was trying to promote a bullfight.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Jim Garrison said he was well aware that there is a real Lee Odom.

That is not the point, Garrison said. "The point is that Clay Shaw and Lee Oswald have the same post office box number in their address books and this is, in coded form, the unpublished phone number of Jack Ruby in 1963."

Garrison said the number — P.O. Box 19106 — was part of a code linking Lee Harvey Oswald, Shaw and Jack Ruby.

The district attorney charged that Shaw, 54-year-old retired New Orleans businessman, plotted with Oswald and others to kill President John F. Kennedy.

### BULLFIGHT AIM—ODOM

Odom said he gave his post office number to Shaw after he had asked the manager of the Roosevelt Hotel who to see about finding a place to promote a bullfight.

"He suggested Mr. Shaw, so I called him—or the manager called him, I don't remember exactly."

"He came over to the hotel and we talked for 15 or 20 minutes. He gave me his business card — I bet I still have it around here somewhere—and I gave him my address in Dallas.

"The bullfight didn't come off and we never communicated again—that's all there was to it," Odom said.

The post office box number given Shaw, Odom said, was located in the Medical Center Postal Substation in Dallas and was rented in the name of a barbecue company, the L&R Barbecue Co., he was operating at the time.

The box was kept until October or November of last year, he said.

Odom said he did not know anything about anyone connected with the assassination of President Kennedy.

### WILLING TO HELP

"We now have another box out here at the post office," in the Dallas County suburb in which Odom now lives with his wife and two children.

He said he would be willing to tell his story to Garrison or anyone else. "I have nothing to hide — you could tell Mr. Shaw I am ready to help him if I can."

Odom said he feels sure his story of the trip to New Orleans and the meeting with Shaw can be corroborated.

"The man at the Roosevelt might remember it all. The records of the hotel should show I was there too," he said.

Garrison said, "We are very interested in knowing who introduced Mr. Odom to Mr. Shaw, how many bullfights Mr. Odom has actually produced and a few other things. We are particularly interested in clarifying now why there is also coded in Lee Oswald's address book the local phone number of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"We have had evidence for some time that in Dallas, Tex., Jack Ruby was working for the CIA at the same time Lee Oswald was working for the CIA here.

### GIVES UP ON CIA

"This means that the CIA well knew that these two men knew each other. We also have evidence that Lee Oswald was not the only man in Dealy

Plaza who was an employee of the CIA and now we have found the phone number of the CIA in the front of Lee Oswald's address book.

"Since it is obvious that it is no longer possible to get the truth in any form from officials of the CIA in Washington, no matter how highly placed, we are looking forward to talking to this businessman from Irving, Tex., (Odom) about some of these coincidences."

Garrison said Irving is the same Dallas suburb in which Ruth Paine and Marina Oswald lived while Lee Oswald was working at the book depository in Dallas.

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