

December 2, 1963

Mr. J. F. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

On November 22, 1963, I was working Squad #211 with Officer E. R. Baggett. We had received information that an officer had been shot in the 400 block East Tenth Street. We reported to the area, and began a search with several other officers for the suspect in the shooting.

The Dispatcher gave information that a person fitting the description of the suspect had entered the Texas Theater in the 400 block W. Jefferson. I drove up the alley to the rear of the theater and Officer T. A. Hutson, who had started riding with us during the search, went to the exit door of the theater. There was a white male at the door who said that he was the manager of the shoe store next door, and that he had seen the person inside the theater.

Officers C. T. Walker, M. N. McDonald, and Officer Hutson had entered the theater and I walked in with the person who said he had seen the suspect. He pointed to a white male sitting in the rear of the center section, and at this time I jumped off the stage and started toward the person. I was walking up the north aisle when Officer McDonald, who had walked up the south aisle, approached the person in question. The subject stood up and as Officer McDonald started to search him, he struck Officer McDonald in the face. The subject and Officer McDonald began to fight and both fell down in the seats.

Officer Walker and I ran toward the subject and grabbed him by his left arm. The subject had reached in his belt for a gun, and Officer McDonald was holding his right hand with the gun in it. Officer Hutson had entered the row behind the suspect, and grabbed him around the neck and held him up. Sergeant G. L. Hill then took the gun.

I got my handcuffs out and placed the cuff on his left wrist first, and then the other officers pulled his right arm behind him, and I placed the right cuff on this wrist.

The suspect was then walked out the north end of the aisle. Officer Walker and Detective Bentley and Sergeant Hill, along with other officers, took the subject to a plain car in front of the theater and he was placed in this car and brought to the City Hall.

Respectfully,

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