

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Arrest of Leo Harvey Oswald, w/e/24

Sir:

On November 22, 1963, at 1:45 p.m., I was working District 1204 and was in the Oak Cliff area searching for the suspect who shot Officer J. B. Tippit. I was riding in a squad with Officers Ray Hawkins and E. R. Beggott when we received a radio transmission that a suspect had entered the Texas Theater in the 200 block West Jefferson Blvd. We proceeded to this location and approached from the alley at the rear of the theater.

An unknown white male opened the fire exit door near the stage and I searched his person as he identified himself as an employee at Hardy's Shoe Store. He said the suspect was in the theater. Officers C. T. Walker and Ray Hawkins entered the door with me while Officer Beggott covered the exit. I walked down the steps and into the theater, walking up the aisle north of the center section of seats toward the back. I observed Officers M. H. McDonald and C. T. Walker searching two suspects who were sitting half way down in the center section of seats. I continued on up the aisle and Officer McDonald was walking parallel to me up the opposite aisle.

I observed the suspect sitting in the center section of the third row from the back and the fifth seat north of the south aisle of the center section. As I entered the row of seats behind the suspect he jumped up and hit Officer McDonald in the face with his fist. Officer McDonald was in the seat next to the one in which the suspect was originally sitting, and the suspect was up out of his seat struggling with Officer McDonald. I reached over the back of the seats and placed my right arm around the suspect's neck and pulled him up on the back of the seat.

Officer C. T. Walker came up and was struggling with the suspect's left hand, and as Officer McDonald struggled with the suspect's right hand, he moved it to his waist and drew a pistol and as Officer McDonald tried to disarm the suspect, I heard the pistol snap. Officer Ray Hawkins came over and helped in the struggle as Officer McDonald took the pistol from the suspect's right hand. Several other Officers came over as we were handcuffing the suspect. They removed the suspect to the Central Police Station.

The only Officers I can recall in this group that brought the prisoner to the station were Sgt. Jerry Hill and Officer C. T. Walker. I remained in the theater and continued the search around and between seats.

Respectfully,

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