

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Brother Wants Body Exhumed Did Mystery Death Here Link to JFK?

Autopsy and investigation of the mysterious Pensacola one cut — the slash at his neck. Killam's body showed but He then left Pensacola for Tampa.

Thomas Killam, 6-3, 210 pounds, red hair, an Escambia County native, had waded into what was to become a tidal wave of confusion and controversy by meeting and marrying Wanda Davis.

Either for real or fancied reasons, Hank Killam, whose wife had a 15-year association with Jack Ruby, began to feel their past working relationship was causing persecution.

Tom, Killam knew John Cartner, who had lived with Lee Oswald in Mrs. A. C. Johnson's Dallas rooming house. He painted a few houses with Cartner — these two links being the only traceable ones connecting Killam to either Ruby or Oswald.

But men he described as "federal agents" visited him repeatedly after the assassination, he lost one job after another and he attributed this to the interrogations. He said there was a conspiracy to kill men never showed identification.

So did his wife, Wanda. Killam even left Dallas for Florida.

But the "agents" browbeat his wife into telling them where Wanda reportedly told them.

Killam, in reality, had come to Florida, bringing with him complete files on the Kennedy assassinations; he had checked in with his mother, 316 W. Roman St., and his brother who lives here.

Wanda Davis, a long-time friend and employe of Ruby, slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged killer of Kennedy, took

Official request will be made by County Solicitor Carl Harper Tuesday.

"I'm a dead man," Thomas Killam had cried in anguish to a brother in 1954 after instant questioning and harassment forced him to flee Tampa. "But I've roped as far as I can go."

Two days later he was dead, his brother, with long-smoldering fires of frustration now being ever breaking news out of New Orleans involving an alleged plot to kill Kennedy.

Tuesday he had asked County Solicitor Harper for the exhumation of the body of his brother.

District Attorney Jim Gardner of New Orleans has said there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy and that identification will be made and convictions obtained.

Hank Killam, whose wife sold dresses and, stripped for Ruby in Dallas infamous Unseel Club, was found dead, he was, she said, "Florida," singular vein, cut, amidst a glass on downtown Pensacola, on the list of the death of a man committing suicide by slipping through a plate glass window?

Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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45-year-old Killam to the...
...to a bleeding...
...in caducis Streets, ac...
...brother, who...
...believes there is reason to...
...probable suicide...
...police finding.

Dr. A. H. Northrup, Escambia...
...checking rec...
...to his memory, said...
...a single cut on...
...A long, 3-inch...
...over the lower...
...side of the neck," was writ...
...Dr. Northrup. "...ap...
...sustained deep lacer...
...when he fell...
...glass window,"...
...hand-written notes.

The county coroner said he...
...investigating deaths...
...for 10 years—that he had seen...
...who died from gunshot...
...wounds and a few even from...
...poisoning; he had even seen...
...a man who blew his head off...
...by putting blasting caps in his...
...mouth and lighting the fuse.

"But I've never heard of a...
...suicide jumping...
...from a glass window,"...
...Northrup.

...according to pub...
...one of 17 per...
...knowledge of...
...a assassination who...
...or strange...
...that black Nov...

...according to his...
...out of Texas and...
...constant surveil...
...and inter...
...Killam came to...
...and immediately...
...charges of parole...
...under threat of...
...sentence.)

...to hold his head...
...say man in the...
...brother put K...
...went to Tampa...
...Wheels, Inc., an...
...sales agency.

...we made constant...
...Tampa, he...
...E. V. Davis, his...
...who was still in...
...questioning about...
...activities and what...
...of "Jack Ruby and...
...Oswald, and what he knew of...
...assassination."

...his job at Wheels, partic...
...to the constant question...
...across town to an...
...but the same call...
...the same strange men...
...and Killam this...
...to.

Heartsick, he headed back...
...to Pensacola.

"I'm a dead man," he told...
...his brother, "but I've run a...
...far as I'm going to run."
...The brother said Hank would...
...never tell him more. "I don't...
...want you involved," he said.
...Killam had hinted to a friend...
...that his trouble stemmed from...
...something "he knew about...
...that thing in Dallas."

The frightened Killam...
...showed deep concern for the...
...friend who had tried to consol...
...him, after being seen on the...
...street with him one day.

"I want you to watch it and...
...not let them stick a knife in...
...your back."

"He seemed to know some...
...thing," the man who refers...
...anonymously said, recalling the...
...day in 1934, "but didn't want...
...to talk much about it."

Police arrived at the Linen...
...Department Store, corner of...
...and Intendencia streets...
...across from Ordou's at 4:20...
...a.m., March 17.

S. N. Reeves, not then long...
...on the police force, arrived...
...about the same time as did...
...patrol car driver Joe Irwin.
...They found a man, who had...
...bled profusely, lying on the...
...sidewalk.

"The plate glass window of...
...the Linen Dept. Store was shat...
...tered," the report read.

"Because of the presence of...
...blood approx. 4 feet back th...
...show window, it is my opinio...
...expired jumped through" win...
...window." Reeves wrote in his re...
...port.

Although police didn't make...
...note of this, Killam's billio...
...and a diamond ring were said...
...to be missing months before th...
...death.

Dr. Northrup said Tuesday h...
...notes showed no cuts on th...
...body other than the long burg...
...laceration.

The brother points to th...
...possibility that Hank Kill...
...could have been cut, the...
...thru the plate glass.

The man who was to be...
...in less than hour after...
...4 a.m. phone call, worked out...
...of the lounge at 135 Brown...
...St., a car door was lead to...
...slam. Killam had no auto-abil...

Two city employees — stre...
...workers — reported to polit...
...they were working on th...
...morning of March 17 at th...
...intersection of Palafox and...
...Tennara Streets, "when they...
...heard what they thought was...
...a trash truck picking up be...
...and whiskey bottles near Pala...
...fox and Intendencia."

...after they had turned...
...their truck around facing...
...south, they noticed "a man...
...stepping from the window of...
...the Linen Dept. Store."
...Investigation of the scene...
...by police report continued...
...led to turn up anything that...
...could show how the victim...
...managed to get into the win...
...dow."

As Mark Killam lay dead at...
...Evening Home his wife...
...was writing him a let...
...telling of "agent" having...
...pledged her love. Per...
...March 16, 1937. "...
...knowing the husband had died...
...in his own blood, the woman...
...tried to explain the constant...
...investigations.

"They investigated all the...
...girls' husbands, so baby...
...they've done everyone like...
...that. I'm sorry, Hankie, forgive...
...me..."

She also mentioned Ruby —...
...it was about the time of his...
...conviction. "I suppose you...
...heard about Jack. Bless his...
...heart. They will appeal it..."
...Wanda Davis was having her...
...trial, too.

"Baby, would have I had my...
...troubles even finding a job. I...
...wonder if they go around and...
...get to the people so (I) don't...
...get the job."

In this last letter the wife...
...committed again for...
...his her past was causing her...
...husband.

...mother told me you call...
...and said you had to go home...
...from Tampa and had lost your...
...job on account of me... that...
...I had worked up there (the...
...Carousel).

Ruby's conviction gave Wanda...
...hope, as expressed to Hank...
...Killam:

"Baby, now the trial is over...
...we both may get OK and be...
...together. I'm going to try to...
...get on."

Last lines of the March letter...
...closed with a wish for happi...
...ness and enclosed love. Also...
...there was the overhanging air...
...of hopelessness.

"I hope and pray for your...
...safety."

The Killam — wife and hus...
...band — have been mentioned...
...prominently in at least two na...
...tional publications and numer...
...ous newspaper articles.

"Tampara," a left-wing...
...magazine printed in California...
...last Killam's death along...
...with the other 16 who have the...
...disparagingly — some violently...
...— since 1933 and "Cosmopolit...
...i.a." a widely circulated yout...

...magazine, cited Wanda...
...Killam's connection with Ruby...
...and The Carousel Club.

...listed her association with...
...John Carter, a house-painter...
...who once lived with Lee Os...
...wald, and who was a friend...
...of Killam.

...Davis Killam has de...
...a knowing Oswald, and said...
...her husband didn't know him...
...either — the only connection...
...being with Carter, the painter...
..."Let's don't explore this any...
...more," the woman said by phone...
...from Texas. "Somebody might...
...shoot us."

The Pensacola brother, how...
...ever, is exploring it further...
..."I won't be able to sleep," he...
...said, "until I know once and...
...for all if this boy was robbin...
...if he only stumbled through the...
...door, or if, as he thought...
...someone was trying to kill him...
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