

FBI eyes on Ruby strippers in JFK case

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A former strip-tease dancer, believed to be the last person to talk with Jack Ruby before his death, has been quizzed by FBI agents and a second stripper from Ruby's old Carousel Club is being sought for questioning. The Times Herald learned Wednesday.

The development comes close on the heels of questioning by federal agents of several Dallas police officers and amid growing hints of a large-scale new FBI investigation into the assassination of President John Kennedy.

The first of the two strippers, now a 42-year-old suburban grandmother, was a featured performer at Ruby's nightclub for three years, appearing under the professional stage name Shari Angel.

Miss Angel told The Times Herald she was interviewed by the FBI Monday in Los Angeles on a wide range of topics, including allegations that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, had visited the Carousel Club on two occasions shortly before the assassination.

The other stripper was identified as Kathy Kay. Miss Kay reportedly told her Carousel co-workers that she had seen — and had, in fact, danced with — Oswald at the club a few days prior to Kennedy's death.

She reportedly left Dallas abruptly on Nov. 24, 1963, the same day Ruby shot Oswald to death in the basement of the Dallas police station, and her present whereabouts are unknown.

According to Miss Angel, the British-born Miss Kay was not a U.S. citizen and may have feared she would be deported if investigators discovered she was in the country illegally.

Five former Ruby employees, including Karen "Little Lynn" Carlin, another featured Carousel stripper, have met violent deaths since the assassination.

Miss Angel herself, who lives under another name in a suburb west of Dallas, said she had gone into

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after the Oswald shooting and immediately fearful of possible retribution.

She denies personally having seen Oswald at the nightclub. In addition to efforts to establish or disprove a link between Ruby and Oswald, FBI agents also asked the former dancer about her final conversation with Ruby just three days before his death on Jan. 3, 1967.

Ruby told her at that time, she said, that he believed he was being injected with doses of deadly poison.

"He said, 'They're giving me shots of something to kill me. They're trying to kill off all the Jews,'" Miss Angel recalled.

He also urged her to leave the nightclub where she had gone after leaving the Carousel and to take a job as a cashier in a dress shop, she said.

Miss Angel said she was asked to visit Ruby at Parkland Hospital by Sheriff Bill Decker in an effort to "calm him down." She was accompanied to Ruby's room by Decker, Deputy Sheriff Buddy Walthers and another deputy whose name she did not remember.

Decker died of natural causes in 1970 and Walthers was killed while attempting to arrest a suspect at an East Dallas motel in 1969.

Miss Angel said she thought Ruby looked "remarkably healthy" for a man who was supposedly dying of cancer.

"He seemed all right physically, but

he acted crazy, out of his mind," she said. "He kept begging me not to leave him."

Her talk with FBI agents this week was the first contact she had had with the agency since the Warren Commission investigation, Miss Angel said.

J. Gordon Shanklin, special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office, meanwhile confirmed that a Washington photographic expert and an agent from the local office had interviewed several Dallas police officers who were on the scene at Dealey Plaza when the President was ambushed.

Shanklin said the policemen were shown photos of three "tramps" arrested on a nearby railroad track minutes after the assassination, in an effort to determine the identity of the three, all of whom were quickly released at the time.

Some sources have alleged that the three tramps bore a striking resemblance to persons involved in the Watergate conspiracy, Shanklin said.

Although he said no further questioning of local individuals involved in the assassination and its aftermath is pending "as far as we know," Shanklin did not rule out the possibility of a full-scale investigation.

"The Rockefeller Commission asked us to assist in this (the questioning of the police officers)," he said. "If they reject the investigation, I don't know who they'll have to do it."

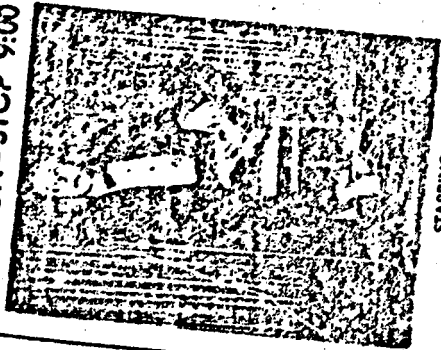
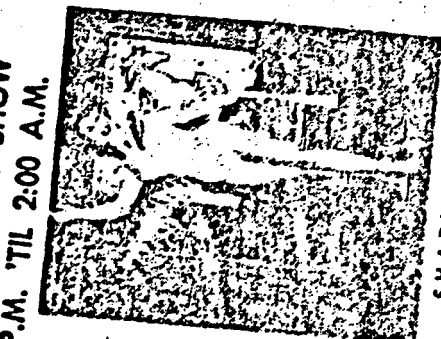
"As far as our office is concerned, there's nothing further planned now, but that could change overnight."



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