

Oswald Said Opposed to Authority

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"He was always opposed to any kind of discipline. He seemed to hold it against people up there . . . any authority."

A Fort Worth policeman was describing Lee Harvey Oswald as he knew him from fifth-grade classes through eleventh-grade football practice in Fort Worth.

The policeman, who asked to remain anonymous "if any more of those people are running loose," said Oswald "was never like any other kid."

During B Team football practice in 1956, Oswald was caught drinking water without the coach's permission. "The coach kind of flew off the handle," the officer said. "After he reprimanded Oswald, the kid yelled back that 'It's supposed to be a free country, a man's supposed to be able to do what he wants.'"

"He didn't associate hardly at all, but he wasn't a trouble maker. He talked a good bit in high school about how things should be."

When the officer knew him, he said, Oswald was short and stocky, with a "real large neck."

"At the base it went out almost like shoulders."

The officer heard the news of Oswald's arrest while returning from testifying at a DWI trial in Fort Worth. "When I heard about the President's death, I hadn't tied him in at all, although friends told me a few weeks ago he was back in the country."

"When I heard his name mentioned, it really wasn't surprising."