

# POLICE EVIDENCE AGAINST OSWALD IS MADE PUBLIC

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DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 25 (AP)—District Attorney Henry Wade has disclosed the evidence that convinced Dallas officers they had an airtight case against Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Oswald was the killer," Wade said.

Nine hours before Wade spoke to reporters last night, Oswald was shot fatally by Jack Ruby, owner of a Dallas nightclub, in the police headquarters basement as Oswald was being escorted to an armored car for transportation to new jail quarters.

Not long after Wade finished describing what he said was all the evidence against Oswald, the Dallas Morning News said in a copyrighted story that police had found a map in Oswald's room that marked the path of the bullets that killed Mr. Kennedy and wounded Gov. John B. Connally Friday afternoon. Wade had made no mention of this.

## Motorcade Route

The newspaper said the map outlined Mr. Kennedy's motorcade route, and a line was drawn from the Texas School Book Depository building to Elm street, where the President and Connally were shot.

Police officers available said they knew nothing of any map. In Washington, the Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation had no comment.

The FBI did say it would continue to investigate the matter.

"There is very strong evidence that Oswald was the President's assassin," a Department of Justice spokesman said. "But we do not consider the case closed just because Oswald himself has fallen victim to an assassin."

"We will not consider the case closed until we have obtained all evidence we can."

## Two Points Cited

Wade said two facts stood high in the mass of evidence linking Oswald to the assassination.

A palm print on the underside

of the rifle that fired the bullets that killed Mr. Kennedy was identified as Oswald's.

Oswald had been seen inside the building at the time the shots were fired from there at Mr. Kennedy.

Paraffin tests for gunpowder on both hands were positive, indicating that Oswald had fired a gun, officers said.

"The gun was here, his prints were on the gun, the gun was the gun that killed Kennedy, his palm prints were on the box on which the killer sat, and witnesses put him on the sixth floor at the time of the shooting."

Asked whether he believed that Oswald was killed to keep him from talking, Wade said police were looking into that angle, but so far no connection has been established between Oswald and Ruby.

"There is no concrete evidence to go on that there is anyone else connected with the assassination," Wade said. He continued that some aspects of the case may still be investigated.

## Death Penalty

The district attorney said, "I am certain that I can get the death penalty for Ruby. Ruby walked up to a man who was handcuffed and defenseless and cold bloodedly killed him."

Wade added several specific details to evidence previously brought out.

He said that the Italian-make rifle used in the assassination was bought by Oswald last March from a Chicago mail order firm for slightly more than \$12. The FBI, he said, confirmed that the serial number of the mail order rifle matched that

of the rifle that fired the shots at Mr. Kennedy.

Wade said they found a photograph showing Oswald holding the rifle, at what Wade called an "at attention" stance. In one hand, Oswald held the rifle and in the other copies of the Daily Worker and a Socialist publication, The Militant.

There was no evidence that showed Oswald was a member of the Communist Party, Wade said. "However, there was lots of material dealing with Communism, such as the Daily Worker, and there was even more material dealing with the Fair Play for Cuba organization."

Officers said earlier Oswald told them he was a Communist, and was proud of it.

## Ejected Shells Found

Wade said three ejected shells,

of an odd caliber that came from the assassination rifle, were found near the box at the ambush window where a palm print of Oswald's was impressed.

The district attorney retraced Oswald's actions last Friday as follows:

He was driven into town by a neighbor from Irving, a Dallas suburb. Wade said Oswald usually stayed there with his wife only on weekends, and at

other times lived in a rented room in Dallas.

Oswald was carrying a package, which he said contained window shades. The package was long enough to have held a rifle. Oswald's wife said the rifle he owned was in Irving Thursday night, but was not there Friday.

Several witnesses told of seeing the assassin's weapon protruding from a sixth floor window at the time President Kennedy was shot.

After the shooting, Wade said, "we saw this man in the corner of the building and started to arrest him. The manager said Oswald was an employe and we let him go."

"We located every other employe but him. A description went out to look for him."

## Told of Shooting

"Oswald got on a bus at Lamar Street and told a lady on the bus the President had been shot. The lady told the bus driver, and the driver asked where she had heard this. She said from a man in the back, and he (Oswald) laughed very loud."

"He got off the bus and caught a taxi the rest of the way to his Oak Cliff rooming house."

Wade said Oswald changed clothes hurriedly and left. "Then

a block from the rooming house witnesses saw a police officer (Patrolman J. D. Tippit) motion to him. Officer Tippit got out of his car and came around an Oswald shot him three times.

"Then he walked across a vacant lot, ejected three shells and reloaded the gun. He walked away and went into the Texas Theater."

"Dallas police spotted him. He struck at an officer and put his gun against Officer M. N. McDonald's head." The firing pin missed the firing cap, Wade said, and the shell did not explode. After a scuffle, six officers subdued Oswald and took him to the police station.