

Oswald Practicing Told

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Two gun enthusiasts told The Dallas News Sunday night they were certain that Lee Harvey Oswald was the arrogant, sullen rifleman who practiced at the Sportsdrome Gun Range near Grand Prairie on several occasions before the assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 22.

Both said, "Other people were with him."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation would make no comment on the two witnesses' reports Sunday night, but said a box full of expended cartridges collected at the gun range had been sent to the FBI Laboratory in Washington.

"There's no doubt it was Oswald," said 34-year-old Howard Price of 1127 Rice, Grand Prairie, a machinist who recalled seeing Oswald at the range "on several occasions."

Price said he wasn't employed by the Sportsdrome, but "just helped out once in a while" for owners Floyd and Virginia Davis. The range is about one-half mile east of Grand Prairie on U.S. Highway 80.

Price said that on one night—

either Nov. 9 or Nov. 10—Oswald drove in alone in a battered old car, black, probably a Ford or Chevrolet.

"He asked me if he could shoot," Price said. "I was ready to leave—it was about 7 p.m.—but I said all right and went on down to the shooting bench with him. He asked me to help him sight the scope."

Price said the telescopic sight on the gun Oswald was firing that evening was "one of the clearest I've ever looked through." He said Oswald said to him: "Did you ever see a clearer one?"

As to prior reports that Oswald could not drive an automobile, Price grunted: "Well, he certainly didn't walk down there that night."

Price said he saw Oswald again Nov. 17—the Sunday before Kennedy was slain.

Price said Oswald fired from the No. 8 place—there are only nine on the range—and added that he noticed "somebody. I don't know if it was man or woman," pass a wrapped-up rifle over the 5-foot-high fence to Oswald.

Shooting alongside Oswald that

Sunday was 59-year-old Garland G. Slack, a heating engineer who lives at 4130 DeLee.

"I'd know that face anywhere," Slack said Sunday night. "I can't remember phone numbers or names, but faces I do—and it was Oswald."

Slack said Oswald made him mad by firing at his target as well as his own.

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rapid-fire at three different targets, "and I think he centered them all. It made me mad when he shot at mine though and I ran in and raised hell with Floyd (the range owner) about it."

A man was with Oswald that Sunday, Slack said. He was 25 years old or less, tall and dark haired. I remember his shoes were real big—boy, he had big feet—and the shoes turned up like the dwarfs' in Snow White.

One reason I remember him (the other man) so well," Slack went on, "was that he kept kicking the stand where I was shooting."

Slack said Oswald shot for an hour or more and the two men left in an old, "desert sand" colored auto—at least 10 years old.

He noticed again, Slack said, "because they jumped in and took off like crazy boys do—left a bunch of flying dust."

Slack said Oswald had three different guns, including one wrapped in "rags or something." He said the guns were passed over the fence to Oswald.