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The Assassination No. 4

## Reopen The Warren Commission

Last week we printed the record on Seth Kantor and how the Warren Commission arrived at the conclusion that Kantor was mistaken and that he did not see Ruby at Parkland Hospital. This even though Kantor had worked in Dallas two years and Ruby was in frequent contact with Kantor.

Soon we will show the second of four witnesses considered to be mistaken or lying by either the Commission or another witness. Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig testified that he saw a suspicious character running from the clump of trees to a waiting car shortly after the fatal shots were fired. Captain Will Fritz said Craig's testimony was not true.

This week, however, we print the deposition of a witness who saw a suspicious character with a rifle case going toward the clump of trees near the railroad overpass. Her words back up strongly the testimony of Craig.

The deposition of Julia Ann Mercer was devastating. But she was not called as a witness and her name is not found in any index, were her words so lethal to the Warren Commission's theory of no conspiracy? Her words are simply listed in Vol. XIX under the heading "Dallas County Sheriff's Office record of the events surrounding the assassination."

Here is what the lady said:

On November 22, 1963, I was driving a rented white Valiant automobile west on Elm Street and was proceeding to the overpass in a westerly direction and at a point about 45 or 50 feet east of the overhead signs of the right entrance road to the overpass, there was a truck parked on the right hand side of the road. The truck looked like it had 1 or 2 wheels up on the curb. The hood of the truck was open. On the driver's side of the truck, there were printed letters in black, oval shaped, which said, "Air Conditioning." This was a pickup truck and along the back side of the truck were what appeared to be tool boxes. The truck was a green Ford with a Texas license. I remember seeing the word "Ford" at the back of the truck.

A man was sitting under the wheel of the car and slouched over the wheel. This man had on a green jacket, was a white male and about his 40's and was heavy set. I did not see him too clearly. Another man was at the back of the truck and reached over the tailgate and took out from the truck what appeared to be a gun case. This case was about 8" wide at its widest spot and tapered down to a width of about 4" or 5." The man who took this out of the truck then proceeded to walk away from the truck and as he did, the small end of the case caught in the grass or sidewalk and he reached down to free it. He then proceeded to walk across the grass and up the grassy hill which forms part of the overpass. This is the last I saw of this man.

I had been delayed because the truck which I described above was blocking my passage and I had to await until the

lane to my left cleared so I could go by the truck.

During the time I was at this point and observing above incident there were policemen standing talking near a motorcycle in the alley just west of me.

The man who took what appeared to be the gun out of the truck was a white male, who appeared to be in his late 20's or early 30's and he was wearing a grey jacket, brown pants and plaid shirt, as best as I can remember. I remember he had on some kind of a hat that looked like a wool sporty hat with a patch in the middle of it. I do not have the name of the man if I see him again.

The man who remained by the truck had light hair and I do not know how to identify him also if I see him again.

Very truly yours,  
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