

In the Warren Commission Report, page 189, a statement follows the Commission's censored account of the questions asked and the answers given by Oswald at the Friday midnight press conference. The Commission's assertion is as follows: "At this time Oswald had been arraigned only for the murder of Patrolman Tippett, but questioning by Captain Fritz and others had been substantially concerned with Oswald's connection with the assassination."

That Commission assertion certainly does not jibe with what Oswald answered to the CBS reporter's question, "Did you kill the President?"

Oswald answered, "No. I have not been charged with that. In fact, nobody has said that to me yet. The first thing I heard about it was when the newspaper reporters in the hall axed (sic) me that question."

Then the CBS reporter told Oswald, (NOTE: The following was also censored out of the Commission's account) "You have been charged with it." Oswald said, "Sir?" The CBS reporter repeated, "You have been charged with it." It was then that Oswald looked frightened and said, "I'm a patsy!" on that CBS video tape.

No wonder Oswald looked frightened. He must have realized at that moment that the police had charged to the press and public that he had killed the President --- yet hadn't even questioned him about it.

With reference now to the NBC sound tape where Oswald said "I'm just a patsy!" which remark is noted in Seth Kantor's notebook (V20-p366) as having been said at the time of 7:55 --- we have found (V21-p516) the same time - 7:55 P.M. - noted as being "the time that Oswald was being taken back to Capt. Fritz's office after the "show-up" at 7:40 P.M. In order to get back to Capt. Fritz's office from the show-up room, Oswald had to be taken through the hall where the newsmen were. That must have been when Seth Kantor and the NBC microphone both recorded his desperate cry, "I'm just a patsy!"

William Whaley, taxi driver, described the Oswald "show-up" where he identified Oswald as his passenger to Oak Cliff at approximately 2:15 P.M. on Saturday, November 23, 1963, as follows: (V2-p260)

WHALEY: ". . . they brought in six men, young teenagers, and they were all handcuffed together. Well they wanted me to pick out my passenger. At that time he had on a pair of black pants and a white T-shirt, that is all he had on. But you could have picked him out without identifying him by just listening to him because he was bawling out the policemen, telling them it wasn't right to put him in line with these teenagers and all . . ."

BALL: "Did he look older than those other boys?"

WHALEY: "Yes"

BALL: "And he was talking, was he?"

WHALEY: "He showed no respect for the policemen, he told them what he thought about them. That he knew what they were doing and that they were trying to railroad him and he wanted his lawyer."

(V2-p294)

BALL: "Now in the police lineup now, and this man (Oswald) was talking to the police and telling them he wanted a lawyer, and that they were trying to, you said they were trying to frame him or something of that sort -- "

WHALEY: "Well the way he talked, that they were doing him an injustice by putting him out there dressed different than these other men he was out there with."

REP. FORD: "Did the man you identified have any reaction that you noticed at the time you identified him?"

WHALEY: "Only that he was the only one that had the bruise on his head, sir. The only one who acted surly. In other words, I told this Commission this morning you wouldn't have had to have known who it was to have picked him out by the way he acted. But he was the man I carried in my taxicab. I told them when I identified him. I didn't identify him as the man who shot the President. I identified him as the man who rode from the Greyhound to 1500 North Beckley with me."

Now, I'm no lawyer, but it would certainly seem to me that, aside from the differences in age, size and clothing, the bruise on Oswald's forehead, alone, would have been grounds to have nullified any identification by any witness at any "show-up" in that Dallas police station in any Court in the land --- including the Supreme Court.

On a radio news program in New York City on December 18, 1965; William Whaley, taxi driver in Dallas for thirty-eight years; the man referred to by District Attorney Henry Wade as "Darrell Click" on Sunday, 11/24/63; the only identifying witness who mentioned the bruise on Oswald's head; was reported as having been killed in a head-on crash in Dallas.

The tragic, violent deaths continue.

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