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Ruby Hospitalized With Pneumonia; Condition Serious

DALLAS (AP)—Jack Ruby, who killed Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, was taken to Parkland Hospital late Friday with an illness described as a serious case of pneumonia.

"That guy's dying," said Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant.

Parkland, the city-county hospital where both President John F. Kennedy and Oswald died, issued this statement:

"Jack Ruby was admitted to Parkland Hospital at 5:15 this (Friday) afternoon. His condition was listed as serious. The admitting diagnosis was pneumonia."

Except for defense claims that he was mentally sick, it was Ruby's

illness since he was named by the Warren Commission, as the assassin of President Kennedy.

Health Officer's Advice

Sheriff Bill Decker said he ordered Ruby transferred to the hospital on the advice of Dr. J. M. Pickard, county health officer.

Decker said he decided to drop in on Ruby Friday and: "Jack said he had a bad cold and wasn't feeling up to par. I talked to Dr. Pickard and he suggested Jack should be taken to the hospital where he could be X-rayed, examined and tests made."

Mrs. Grant visited Ruby in his hospital room and then told a reporter: "I'm not leaving. I'll be here all night. I don't even trust the hospital."

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The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ordered a new trial for Ruby recently, and last week Judge Louis Holland set the second trial for Wichita Falls, probably in February.

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