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# Doctors Report Ruby Had 8 Brain Tumors

DALLAS (AP)—Jack Ruby had eight brain tumors—one as large as a thumbnail—doctors said Friday. But they said it was highly unlikely they were there when Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

Ruby died Jan. 3 of a massive blood clot that reached his lungs, although his body was also riddled with cancer, county medical examiner Earl Rose ruled.

Rose said at a news conference the cancer originated in the lungs and spread to the brain and other areas.

"The question is, 'was this tumor in the brain there in 1963?' Rose said, referring to when Ruby gunned down Oswald, the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

### No Set Answer

"I can't give you an answer—cancer varies in its growth with the individual. But Ruby's X rays in 1964 did not show a tumor of the lung and thus it could not have spread into the brain," Rose said.

Rose also said doctors found no evidence of epilepsy or of other brain disorders.

Ruby's defense at his 1964 trial, in which he was convicted of shooting Oswald to death, was that he suffered a brain disorder.

Melvin Belli, contended that Ruby suffered from psychomotor epilepsy and was not responsible for his actions that Sunday Nov. 24, 1964, when he darted between policemen to fire a pistol bullet into Oswald during a jail transfer.

The jury did not believe Belli's theory and sentenced Ruby to death.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last fall overturned Ruby's conviction and ordered a new trial held outside Dallas. Mr. Kennedy was killed in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, and two days later Oswald was slain.

Barely two months after his conviction was overturned, Ruby entered Parkland Memorial Hospital. The initial diagnosis was pneumonia, but the next day doctors found evidence of cancer.

### Recent Tumor

He died less than a month later.

One of the autopsy physicians said he was convinced "this brain tumor is fairly recent and had nothing to do with any prior events in Ruby's life. It rose after the lung condition was reasonably advanced. My personal belief is the tumor had nothing to do with whatever Belli thought was wrong with Ruby."

# Brother Seeks Belongings

DETROIT (AP)—The brother of Jack Ruby has taken new court action to obtain control over Ruby's belongings — particularly the pistol used to kill Lee Harvey Oswald.

Earl Ruby, a Detroit businessman and administrator of Ruby's estate, petitioned Wayne County (Detroit) Probate Court for a hearing to force law enforcement officials in Dallas to turn over any of Ruby's belongings.

Under an order signed by Probate Judge Thomas Murphy, summonses were issued to Dist. Atty. Henry Wade of Dallas, one of his assistants, and Dallas Sheriff Bill Decker. They were ordered to appear April 3 at a show cause hearing.

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