

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

REF: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Offense

FROM: HARRY WEATHERFORD, Deputy Sheriff

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date November 23 1963

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Inactive (not cleared)
Cleared by Arrest

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and almost immediately, Deputy Luke Mooney called out that he had found some shells in the southeast corner of the floor. I was approximately 8 feet from Mooney when he discovered the shells. I crawled up on a stack of pasteboard boxes full of books and looked at the sport. Mooney then leaned out the window and called down to Sheriff Decker who was standing on the sidewalk in front of the building, requesting the Sheriff to come upstairs, that he had found the shells. At this time there were numerous City officers gathering on the streets. About 3 minutes after Deputy Mooney had called out, Chief Lumpkin and several officers from the police department came to the 6th floor and told us not to touch anything. Approximately 5 minutes later, Capt. Will Fritz and several of his officers came onto this floor. There were about 8 to 10 officers on this floor by this time and we had already started a systematic search of the floor, looking for the weapon. About 2 minutes after Capt. Fritz had arrived on the floor, Deputy Eugene Boone called out that he had found the rifle shoved down between 2 rows of pasteboard boxes of books. Capt. Fritz took over the search at this time and one of the other Deputies who had been in the building came and told us that Sheriff Decker had given orders to let the City take over the investigation and for the Deputies to return to the Sheriff's Office, which we did. We then brought the lights back and put them up and by this time the Sheriff's Office was so full of people and witnesses that no one could move around. I stayed at my desk awaiting further instructions. At approximately 7:00 PM Sheriff Decker told us that we should go home and that we were to stay on call and if we were needed, he would contact us.

Ralph Walters

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