

On February 10, 1964, an article appeared in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" by THAYER WALDO, stating that an informed source had advised that a witness was being held in protective custody who could identify LEE HARVEY OSWALD as the slayer of President KENNEDY. The witness was not identified but was described as a Negro employed as a janitor at the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) on November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas. The original story stated that the source had said the witness was working on the sixth floor of the TSBD at the time of the assassination, but after the publication of the first edition, the source allegedly stated that the witness was actually on the fifth floor at the time of the shooting which he heard but did not see and that the witness had hidden behind crates, yet he heard footsteps coming down the stairs after the shots were fired. The source maintained, however, that the witness identified the man coming down the stairs as OSWALD.

Previous investigation identified three Negro employees, HAROLD DEAN NORMAN, JAMES JARMAN and BONNIE RAY WILLIAMS, as being on the fifth floor of TSBD at the time of the assassination and as hearing the shots but none of them saw who fired the shots.

Previous investigation has also established that EDDIE PIPER, now identified as a janitor at TSBD, and as the only janitor employed there on November 22, 1963, was on the first floor at the time of the shooting.

The appearance of the above described article first became known at approximately 8:30PM on February 9, 1964, when there was a news flash on WBAP-TV to the effect that such an article was to appear in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" of February 10, 1964.

On February 9, 1964, Mr. JACK BUTLER, Managing Editor, "Fort Worth Star Telegram" was contacted by SA B. TOM CARTER at Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. BUTLER

advised he did not know anything about the story. He determined, however, that the story was one written by a reporter by the name of THAYER WALDO who was not at the time available. At the time of SA CARTER's contact with BUTLER, he advised that the original story published in the first edition was being changed and that it would be "somewhat watered down" for the later morning edition.

On February 9, 1964, SA VINCENT E. DRAIN contacted Dallas County Sheriff W. E. BILL DECKER and Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY of the Dallas Police Department, both of whom advised that they had no knowledge of anyone in protective custody such as described in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" story.

On February 9, 1964, SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN contacted FORREST SORRELS, Secret Service Agent in Charge, who likewise stated he had no knowledge of any witness being held in protective custody.