

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ELBERT AUSTIN, 817 Fourth Avenue, Dallas, advised that in the afternoon of November 22, 1963, he was working on a construction job at the intersection of Tenth and Denver Street, Dallas, Texas. He advised he was a brick mason's helper and was assisting in the construction of an apartment house. He stated after 1:00 PM he was on a scaffold in front of the aforementioned apartment house when he heard approximately two or three shots and, looking in a westerly direction, he saw a policeman lying in front of a police car on the left front side.

He also observed an individual running west on Tenth Street and then turning left and going down another street, name unknown. AUSTIN advised he did not go down to the scene of the shooting for two reasons, one being that he was afraid to go down there because he was afraid of being shot, and the second being that he did not consider it any of his business.

AUSTIN was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, New Orleans Police Department # 112-723, and advised he could not identify OSWALD as being the person who shot the Dallas police officer inasmuch as he was approximately one block away and the individual who did the shooting was running in the opposite direction.

AUSTIN advised PERRY HOLMES, brick mason tender, was at the rear of the apartment building when the shooting of the Dallas police officer occurred and did not go to the scene of the shooting.

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Extensive investigation has been conducted in an effort to locate PERCY HOLMES, Dallas, Texas, with negative results. HOLMES reportedly may have witnessed the shooting of Officer J. D. THPPIN in the vicinity of the 500 Block of East 10th Street, Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1968. Fellow employees on interview have indicated HOLMES was not located in a position whereby he could have possibly observed the shooting of Office THPPIN therefore no further investigation is being conducted to locate HOLMES.