

Notes on Tippit's assignment immediately after the shooting of President Kennedy

J. D. Tippit was one of 99 patrolmen serving under Captain Talbert in the Second Platoon (police car patrols) working the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift during the month of November 1963. In addition to 99 patrolmen, the Second Platoon headed by Talbert includes 13 sergeants (distributed among HQs and three sub-stations in the Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest sections of the city respectively), 2 officers of unspecified rank stationed at Love Field, and 4 lieutenants stationed respectively at HQs and each of the three sub-stations, or a total of 118 men. (Batchelor Exhibit No. 5002)

Captain Talbert on 27 May 1964 informed the FBI that at 12:30 on 11/22/63 he had taken personal charge of his platoon and that all officers were told to report to him at the TSBD for individual assignment. (CE 2645) The following analysis is derived from information Talbert then detailed to the FBI in CE 2645.

Disposition of Second Platoon manpower 8 a.m. to 12:30-35 p.m.

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| On special assignment to handle traffic                                    | 16 |
| Other special assignments at stated sites                                  | 10 |
| Total  | 26 |
| Balance in position in assigned districts, singly or in pairs, or off duty | 92 |

Disposition at time of shooting or immediately thereafter

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| Sent to the TSBD   | 31 |
| Instructed to set up roadblocks                                    | 4  |
| Sent to Parkland Hospital  | 2  |
| Told to remain in assigned district                                | 4  |
| Not reached because eating lunch in restaurant, out of radio range | 1  |
| Estimated number off-duty  | 17 |
| Not accounted for (not mentioned by Talbert)                       | 33 |

Of the 42 men for whom Talbert accounted, 31 were called to the TSBD and 6 were sent to Parkland Hospital or instructed to set up roadblocks at four locations at the northern or eastern peripheries (there is no indication that any traffic was prevented from leaving or entering the city), while only 4 men were told to remain in their assigned normal districts and take any calls. No member of the platoon was taken out of his own district and sent to other nearby districts, except (allegedly) Tippit. R.C. Nelson, who supposedly was ordered simultaneously with Tippit into "central Oak Cliff" in fact was pulled out of his own district (87) and told to come to the TSBD, from which location he did later communicate with the police radio dispatcher.

The following districts comprise Oak Cliff (Putnam Exhibit); in each case, the disposition of the assigned officer(s) is indicated:

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| 21 (TSBD)     | 78 ("central Oak Cliff") | 84 (unknown)             |
| 22 (TSBD)     | 81 (TSBD)                | 85 (remained in 85)      |
| 23 (Parkland) | 82 (TSBD)                | 86 ( " " 86)             |
| 76 (unknown)  | 83 (unknown)             | 91-92 (Mentzel at lunch) |
| 77 (TSBD)     |                          | 93 (TSBD)                |
|               |                          | 94 (TSBD)                |
|               |                          | 95 (TSBD)                |
|               |                          | 97 (unknown)             |

(It is not clear whether district 87, manned by R.C. Nelson, is considered part of Oak Cliff. If so, it should be added above as a "(TSBD)".)