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A. Shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D.  
Tippit and Related Events

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TED CALLAWAY advised he resides at 805 West 8th Street in Oak Cliff where his telephone number is WE 6-8045. He stated he is employed as an automobile salesman at Morgan Motors, 5125 Ross, telephone TA 6-6254, Dallas, Texas.

He said that on November 22, 1963, he was employed at Harris Brothers Auto Sales, now d/b/a Dootch Motors, which is located at 501 East Jefferson in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, Texas. He said he recalled about 1:00 P.M. on that date he heard a radio report that President JOHN F. KENNEDY had been shot in downtown Dallas and he and another salesman, B. D. SEARCY, of Lancaster, Texas, who was also employed at that time at 501 East Jefferson, were standing on the front porch of the used car agency facing on Jefferson Avenue when they heard about five shots. The sound of the shots apparently came from the back of the car sales lot on 10th Street.

Mr. CALLAWAY said he ran out on the Patton Street side of the sales lot toward 10th Street, looking in the direction of 10th Street, when he observed a person running in a sort of trot on the east side of Patton toward Jefferson Avenue. This man had a pistol in his right hand in a "raised pistol" position. He said the man was across the street from him and he hollered at the man, "Hey, man, what the hell is going on!" He said the man slowed his pace, shrugged his shoulders and made an unintelligible reply and continued toward Jefferson.

He said this person cut through a corner of the front yard of a two-story house on the northwest corner of the intersection of Jefferson Avenue at Patton Street. Mr. CALLAWAY said he called to the salesman, SEARCY, and told him to "keep your eye on that man and follow him". CALLAWAY then went to the place on 10th Street east of Patton where Patrolman TIPPIT was lying in the street, apparently dead. He said he recalled that at that time there were five or six people and a couple of cars stopped at the scene and he ob-

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served that TIPPIT had been shot in the temple. He said TIPPIT was lying on his pistol and he, CALLAWAY, took the pistol and put it on the hood of TIPPIT's patrol car. Then he got in the patrol car and used the police radio to contact the Dallas Police Department, who advised they were aware that the police officer (TIPPIT) had been shot. He said the dispatcher told him to get off the air.

About that time an ambulance came up and CALLAWAY said he and an unidentified citizen helped the ambulance driver put the officer (TIPPIT) in the ambulance. He said he then determined that the wounded officer was Patrolman TIPPIT when he saw his identification as he was loaded into the ambulance.

He said while talking to the dispatcher on the police radio, someone placed TIPPIT's revolver in the police car so he, CALLAWAY took the gun, a .38 special revolver, and put it in his, CALLAWAY's, belt. He said he then got a cab driver who was driving Oak Cliff cab number 213 to drive with him to look for the man he had seen earlier. He said that he never learned the identity of this cab driver, and after they were unable to locate the man he had observed with the pistol, he and the cab driver returned to the scene where Patrolman TIPPIT had been shot and he turned TIPPIT's gun over to Dallas police officers who were at the scene and told them what he knew about the shooting.

He said he then returned to work and he was contacted by Officer JIM LEVELLE (ph) and went to the Dallas Police Department where he observed a lineup of four persons and he, CALLAWAY, identified LEE HARVEY OSWALD out of this lineup as being the person he saw with a gun who was running or trotting from the scene where Patrolman TIPPIT was shot. He recalled this lineup was held the night after TIPPIT's death.

He said he was contacted by a Secret Service agent about two weeks after this incident and was unable to recall the name of this agent, but he said he related the story to him.

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CALLAWAY said he has never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY personally, and he knew of no association between OSWALD and RUBY. He said he had been in the Vegas Club during the time it was operated by JACK RUBY, but had never known RUBY personally and had never been in RUBY's Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas.