

Chronology
Charles Douglas Givens

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reference</u>
11/22/63	At 1:46 p.m. Inspector Sawyer issued an alert on the police radio for pick-up of Givens ("a porter that worked on this floor up there. He has a police record and he left.")	CE 705 page 30 (XVII 419)
11/22/63	Givens in affidavit for the police said that he left the 6th floor about 11:30 a.m. used the bathroom and at 12 noon took his lunch period, went to parking lot, heard 3 shots while there. No reference to a return to the 6th floor for cigarettes or an encounter there with Oswald	CE 2003 page 27 (XXIV 210)
11/22/63	Givens interviewed by FBI agents Griffen and Odum, gives same story as in affidavit, but adds that he saw Oswald working on the 5th floor in the morning, standing by the elevator at 11:30 at which time Oswald yelled at Givens to close the gates, and that he then saw Oswald reading a paper in the domino room at 11:50 a.m. No mention of forgotten cigarettes, etc.	CD 5 page 329
11/22/63	Billy Lovelady interviewed by FBI agents Almon and Barrett, says that his last contact with Oswald was at about 11:50 a.m. when Oswald called to him, Givens, Arce and another employee to stop so he could get on the elevator too.	CD 5 page 332
11/23/63	Bonnie Ray Williams interviewed by FBI agents Griffin and Odum, says he and Givens took two elevators from the 6th to the 1st floor at about 11:30 a.m. and saw Oswald, as they were going down, on the 5th floor. When he returned to the 6th floor at about noon, he saw no one there, stayed about 3 minutes and used stairs to 5th floor.	CD 5 page 330
12/2/63	Givens interviewed by the Secret Service (ref. "SS # 491 page 6") and says that he saw Oswald with clipboard on 6th floor at about 11:45 a.m. Shortly afterward Givens and others took elevators and while racing to 1st floor heard Oswald call to them to send one elevator back up. No mention of any return to 6th floor for forgotten cigarettes.	Ball/Belin Report # 1 dated 2/25/64
12/5/63	Givens interviewed by FBI agents Mitchem and Kesler and shown brown shirt with hole in sleeve which Givens said was similar to shirt Oswald wore on 11/22/63 but could not definitely identify.	CD 7 page 306
12/9/63	FBI Summary Report states that Oswald was observed on the <u>5th</u> floor between 11:30 and 12 noon, during which period he asked Givens, who was descending in the elevator, to close	CD 1 page 6

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	the gates when he got off so that Oswald could summon the elevator. FBI Summary Report omits Givens' statement on 11/22/63 that he saw Oswald reading a paper in the domino room at 11:50.	
12/18/63	Jack Dougherty interviewed by FBI agent W. O. Johnson, states that he was on the 5th floor when he heard shots, went to 1st floor, spoke to Eddie Piper, then went to 6th floor by elevator, no one was there. The five other men (Givens, Shelley, Arce, Williams and Lovelady) "had gone down to the 1st floor to watch the President"	CD 206 page 11
12/23/63	Givens interviewed by FBI Griffin re any link between Oswald and Ruby, stated he knew of none	CE 3010 (XXVI 541)
2/13/64	Lt. Jack Revill of Dallas Police interviewed by FBI Robert Gemberling about press report of a Negro being held in protective custody. Revill "stated that Givens had been previously handled by the Special Service Bureau on a marijuana charge and <u>he believes that Givens would change his story for money.</u> " Gemberling adds that Givens "was on the 6th floor until about 11:30 a.m. when he used the elevator to travel to the 1st floor. As he was going down on the elevator...Lee yelled to him to close the gates on the elevator so Lee could have the elevator return to the 6th floor" There is still no mention of forgotten cigarettes, return by Givens to the 6th floor, or encounter there with Oswald.	CD 735 page 296-97
2/25/64	Summary of statements by Givens on 11/22/63 and 12/2/63 noting discrepancies as to the time that Givens left the 6th floor--11:35 vs 11:40 or 11:45. The report notes that Givens said that he saw Oswald at 11:50 in the domino room; that Shelley saw him on the 1st floor at about 11:50; that Piper saw him on the 1st floor at about noon; and that Mrs. Carolyn Arnold believed that she saw Oswald near the front door on the 1st floor a few minutes before 12:15 p.m.	Ball/Belin report pages 101, 105-107, 110
3/18/64	Givens affidavit to FBI agents T. T. Trettis, Jr. and E.J. Robertson: "When President Kennedy was shot I was standing at the corner of Record and Elm ...I returned to the...Depository Building, and was told by a Dallas policeman that I could not enter the building. About an hour later I went to the Dallas Police Department and was questioned by the police for about 45 minutes..." Still no mention of cigarettes or encounter with Oswald at 11:55	CE 1381 page 36 (XXII 649)

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3/24/64	Bonnie Ray Williams testifies that the elevator race was at 11:50 or 11:55 a.m. and that on the way down Oswald, on the 5th or the 6th floor (Williams was not sure which), hollered "Close the gate on the elevator and send it back up." Testifies also that when Truly later asked where Oswald was, Givens was not present either.	3H 167-168, 183
3/26/64	James Henry Lacy interviewed by FBI agents Fox and Menamin, states he was on Main Street with Givens and Edward Shields at the time he heard shots. He ran to the vicinity of the Depository, learned that JFK had been shot, and then returned to Main Street and told Givens and Shields the news	CD 897 page 34
4/7/64	Arce testifies (deposition taken by Ball, with Stern present) that Oswald asked the crew to "close the door on the elevator." After Arce had his lunch, he went outside; Givens was there with Shields. (Which suggests that the elevator "race" was closer to 11:30 than to 11:50, allowing time for Givens to eat, stand outside, and go to Main & Record in time to see the motorcade pass there.)	6H 365
4/7/64	Shelley testifies (deposition taken by Ball, with Stern present), in reply to question "Did you see anyone eating fried chicken on that floor that morning?" that "At one time I think I said I did but Charles Givens was the guy that was eating and he was further on toward the west side and he was eating a sandwich, so he says...It was pretty early ...about 9:30"	6H 330-331
4/8/64	Givens testifies by deposition to Belin, no one else present. For the first time--so far as is shown in the available records and documents--Givens states that he forgot his cigarettes, returned to the 6th floor, and spoke to Oswald. Belin assuredly knew that Givens hitherto had told a completely different story (to the Dallas Police on 11/22/63; to the FBI on the same date; and to the Secret Service on 12/2/63, as well as by implication in an affidavit of 3/18/64), which had been discussed in detail in the report that he and Ball had co-authored in February. Yet he did not challenge Givens at any point nor even indicate for the record that Givens had on several earlier occasions given a different account of his movements between 11:30 and 12:30 on 11/22/63. The omission was indisputably purposeful because Belin, betraying that he remained aware of Givens' original story, asked him (3H 354) "Did you ever tell anyone that you saw Lee Oswald reading a newspaper in the domino room around 11:50...that morning?" Givens replied, "No, sir," and Belin said nothing, although he knew the reply was false (or that the FBI report was false, which had to be elicited for the record). There is an inescapable implication of perjury and collusion on the part of Belin and his colleagues as well as Givens and others.	6H 345-356 WR 143

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4/8/64	<p>Sawyer testifies by deposition to Belin, no one else present, stating that he sent out an alarm to pick up Givens at 1:46 p.m. on 11/22/63 because "he was suppose to have some information about the man that did the shooting." Belin did not challenge Sawyer, despite the following facts: Givens did not produce information "about the man that did the shooting" when he was picked up that day and gave an affidavit, or in his FBI interview that day. At the time of the alert for Givens, Oswald's name had not been mentioned on any police channel. He was arrested about an hour or more after the alert for Givens. The language of the alert in any case shows clearly that Givens was wanted because he had a police record and was missing from the Depository.</p> <p>The question that arises is, why did Sawyer (and later Lt. Revill) attempt to give retroactive authentication to a story that Givens articulated for the first time in April? This effort suggests that Sawyer and Revill are accessories in the perjury and collusion which is to be inferred in Givens' deposition of 4/8/64.</p>	6H 315-325
5/13/64	<p>Revill testifies before the Warren Commission, with Rankin conducting the examination and Warren, Ford, Dulles, Redlich, Specter and Charles Murray also present. Revill states that at about 2:30-3 p.m. on 11/22/63 he knew only that someone named Lee had been arrested, and that "this was told to me by a colored employee of the Depository." He then says that he talked to Givens, whom he had handled in the past for marijuana violations, and "I asked him if he had been on the 6th floor...he said, yes, that he had observed Mr. Lee, over by this window...So I turned this Givens individual over to one of our Negro detectives and told him to take him to Captain Fritz for interrogation..."</p> <p>I submit that this testimony is patently false, for the obvious reason that Givens on arrival at the police department did not state that he had seen Oswald "over by this window" and never said so, in subsequent interviews, until his testimony on 4/8/64. What is not known is how <u>much</u> money was needed for Givens to change his story, and if it came out of the Dallas Police budget or the Warren Commission's (or the FBI's) funds.</p>	5H 35-36
5/14/64	<p>Edward Shields testifies by deposition taken by Ball, stating that he went to the parking lot at 12:05 p.m. and that Givens "was there at noon after he had eaten his lunch, I mean, he come on up there."</p>	7H 393-395

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6/2/64	<p>Police chief Jesse Curry interviewed by FBI agent Vincent Drain, states that Lt. Revill had talked with Givens on 11/22/63. "Givens told Revill that he had been in the...Depository...with Oswald on the morning of November 22, 1963, but was on the street during the period the...motorcade passed by the TSBD. Chief Curry related that everyone who might have any knowledge of Oswald, known as Lee to Givens, was being questioned."</p> <p>Curry seems to have given the authentic story--that Givens was questioned not because he had any special information or had encountered Oswald near the 6th floor window, but because he was an employee at the TSBD. Curry was seemingly unaware of the contrary testimony given by Inspector Sawyer and Lt. Revill.</p>	CD 1245 page 181
6/3/64	<p>Givens interviewed by FBI agents Switzer and Petraskis, having moved to a new address in March 1964 (4208 1st Ave. Dallas, HA 1-2837). "Givens stated that on November 22, 1963, he was working on the 6th floor...until about 11:30 a.m. when he used the elevator to travel to the 1st floor where he washed his hands. He said he <u>now recalls</u> he returned to the 6th floor at about 11:45 a.m. to get his cigarettes...Givens stated it was at this time he saw Lee Harvey Oswald, known then to him as Lee, standing in the southeast corner of the building on that floor. He said Oswald had orders and a clip board in his hand and in response to a question by Givens whether or not Oswald was going to come downstairs, Oswald replied, "No, not now." Givens stated he then got on the elevator and...Oswald yelled at him to close the gates..."</p> <p>No reason is indicated for this re-interview of Givens by the FBI. It may have been an attempt to establish a record of the sudden improvement of memory on the part of Givens, which Belin had failed to place on record on 4/8/64, and to forestall suspicion of perjury and collusion.</p>	CD 1245 page 182
9/20/64	<p>The Warren Report was released with its "forgotten cigarettes" version of Givens' observations, without explicit or implicit reference to Givens' original story or the internal anomalies and anachronisms in the published account. Nor any reference, need it be said, to the fact that Oswald had been seen on the 1st floor at 11:50 a.m. by Shelley and at noon by Piper, as well as by Givens himself at 11:50 a.m. in his original story--which observations as well as internal defects give the lie to Givens' "official" version.</p>	WR 143

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