

Widow of Mystery Suicide Links 4 Key Figures in JFK Assassination Plot

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Wanda Killam, whose husband Hank claimed to have inside information on the Kennedy assassination before he died mysteriously in 1964, has roped together the lives of four prime assassination figures: Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Oswald's fellow roomer, John Carter, and her husband.

Wanda, who worked in Ruby's nightclub, gave this ENQUIRER reporter an exclusive interview in which she detailed the startling links as she discussed the events surrounding her husband's weird death.

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The mysterious death of Hank Killam may have been caused by his wife. For just shortly after "federal" agents asked Wanda Killam where her husband was hiding, he was found dead on the street.

Killam, who had claimed to have information about the assassination of President Kennedy, was found lifeless outside of a Pensacola, Fla., department store.

And police listed the death as "probable suicide."

But Wanda is sure her husband would never take his own life. She said that "federal agents browbeat me into telling where Hank had gone."

And on March 17, 1964, Hank Killam was dead.

"Hank would never have killed himself," insisted Wanda, the hip, honey-talking \$300-per-week nightclub hostess. She doesn't believe "agents" or Kennedy assassination "plotters" could have driven her husband to suicide.

"No, not Hank," she told this ENQUIRER reporter in an exclusive interview in Dallas. "Hankie wouldn't have done that."

"He wouldn't have killed himself."

But the shapely, man-pleasing Wanda, who hustled drinks and cigarettes for Jack Ruby in his Dallas Carousel Club, wants to know how her husband died.

"I didn't even know he was dead until after he was buried," the winsome widow admitted. "I wrote him a letter on March 13, 1964, and he died on the 17th, I later learned."

"Sure, I want to find out who killed Hank."

"I know he wouldn't have jumped through any window."

Killam, who claimed special knowledge of the Kennedy assassination plot and fear of "agents" who planned it, was found dead in Pensacola, his throat cut.

Police reported that he jumped through a plate glass window, killing himself, and listed the death as "probable suicide."

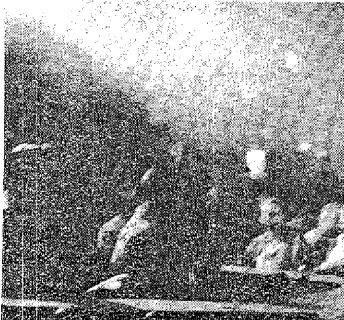
Wanda Killam has said she wanted a full investigation and autopsy. "I want to know all



WIDOW: Mrs. Wanda Killam doesn't believe her husband committed suicide. (Sketched at Carousel Club).

about his death. After all, the man was my husband."

But Mrs. Wanda Killam, who calls everybody "Honey," and who sweet-talked customers out of as much as \$300 weekly in tips with her Southern drawl, turns tiger when the Killam



JACK RUBY'S NIGHTCLUB: A male audience watches dancer perform at Ruby's Carousel Club in Dallas shortly before Ruby killed Oswald.



KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN, Lee Harvey Oswald, is flanked by Dallas police after being arrested for killing President John F. Kennedy.

link to three other figures in the JFK assassination is traced to her.

"He didn't hardly know Ruby, honey, except from the club. Then Jack ran him out and said he would fire me every time Hank came in. Jack didn't like husbands around."

But, nonetheless, Wanda Joyce Davis Killam not only put Hank with Ruby, but also with John Carter, a man who had roomed at the same boarding house (1026 North Beckley Ave.) with Lee Harvey Oswald.

"John Carter, honey, was a friend of Hank. He came to our house — mine and Hank's — after we were married. But we constantly sat around and talked about Jack Ruby or Lee Oswald back then." (Carter told the FBI that he had never heard of Ruby but knew Oswald slightly. His statement was reported to the Warren Commission.)

But it was Carter, who had spoken to Oswald around Mrs. A.S. Johnson's rooming house, that got Hank Killam in the house painting business.

"It was around Carter, working those house painting jobs that my husband was constantly hounded by 'agents' after the assassination."

"They would go to the jobs and cause Hank to get in trouble — always stopping his work. He lost job after job. Finally, he couldn't take



JACK RUBY
Wanda worked for him

it, and just pulled out for Florida."

She said he appeared nervous, frightened. He was also taking pills; amphetamines and/or barbiturates, investigators later said.

But why? That was the question this reporter asked Wanda Killam.

"Well, honey, I worked for Ruby, and had known John Carter who knew Oswald a little and, too, they were investigating all the girls' husbands who worked at the Carousel."

This hung heavy on Wanda Killam's head. She remembers writing — even as her husband lay dead — in abject apology:

"They've investigated all the girls' husbands, so baby, they've gone everyone like that. I'm sorry, Hankie, forgive me . . . mother told me you called and said you had to go home from Tampa and had lost your job on account of me . . . that I had worked up there (the Carousel)."

The last lines of her last letter she was ever to write to Hank Killam showed the constant face of fear. "I hope and pray for your safety," Wanda wrote.

There was no safety for Hank Killam, a man somebody thought knew too much, and who was already dead when the words of his wife were written.

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