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Lawyers Say Officer Lied About Ruby

AUSTIN, Tex. ¹⁴¹ (UPI) — Defense lawyers argued before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Friday that Jack Ruby was condemned to the electric chair on perjured testimony for murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, president Kennedy's assassin.

"We cannot murder Ruby judicially in the same manner he gunned down Oswald," said Attorney Charles Kunstler of New York, summing up for Ruby's five lawyers. "We don't justify that act here. But it is the act of a sick man."

The court recessed for summer vacation after the Ruby hearing ended. It will either reject Ruby's appeal or grant him a new trial when it again convenes in October.

Kunstler and attorney Joseph h. tonahill of Jasper, Tex., contended the perjured testimony came from Dallas police Sgt. Patrick T. Dean, who was in charge of security in the basement of police headquarters when Ruby killed Oswald Nov. 24, 1963.

Dean testified that Ruby told him and Secret Service agent Forrest Sorrels he did it to spare Jacqueline Kennedy the agony of coming back to Dallas for a trial, and to show the world "Jews have guts."