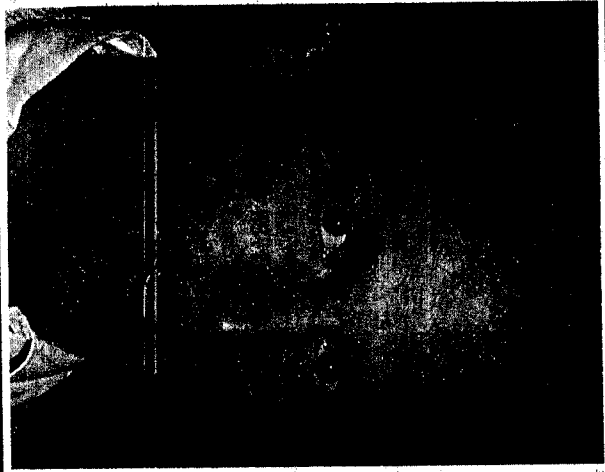


NEW SHOCKER IN WAKE OF 'JFK' MOVIE . . .

'Cheers' star Woody Harrelson targeted for death

Wackos are out to get him — they think his dad killed Kennedy



TERROR-STRICKEN Woody is so scared he's hired bodyguards.



"Cheers" star Woody Harrelson has been targeted for death by crackpots who believe his convicted-murderer father killed President John F. Kennedy.

The terror-stricken actor has been receiving frightening telephone death threats in the wake of the controversy sparked by the film "JFK," which questions who really killed Kennedy — because Woody's dad once claimed he had a hand in the assassination.

And Woody is so alarmed that he's hired bodyguards to protect him round the clock... and even ordered his bodyguard brother Brett to carry a weapon at all times!

"Yes, I do carry a weapon and there have been some threats," Brett Harrelson confirmed to a pal. "That's all I can tell you."

But a close friend confided much more: "Woody's living in mortal fear that some lunatic will strike at any moment. He's a basket case ever since he picked up the phone and heard the first threat."

The ENQUIRER broke the story in 1986 that Woody's dad Charles Harrelson was serving a life sentence for the 1979 murder-for-hire slaying of federal Judge John Wood in San Antonio, Tex.

While awaiting trial on that charge, Charles declared he'd had a hand in the Kennedy killing — a claim he later denied.

But speculation was rampant that Charles was one of the so-called three "Dallas tramps" questioned by authorities after being found close to the grassy knoll near where JFK was slain.

Then last October, the TV series "FBI: The Untold Stories" aired a show about the shocking background of Woody's father. That's when the death threats began. And Woody's



HOT NEW film "JFK" (above), starring Kevin Costner, has rekindled the controversy over Kennedy's death.

structured his brother Brett to carry a weapon and keep it with him, loaded, at all times.

"Woody refuses to go anywhere without security. And he's been incredibly jumpy." One time recently on the set, a crew guy dropped some props and it made a startling bang. Woody almost jumped out of his skin!

And an insider disclosed: "Woody is still reeling from

terror has increased amid the controversy fueled by the movie "JFK."

"There have been many anonymous calls and they've

been received by Woody on the set as well as at home," the close friend disclosed. "And each time, the caller threatens Woody's life and



FLASHBACK: Kennedy moments before his death and (below) the so-called "Dallas tramps" who were rounded up shortly afterward. Man in middle is allegedly Charles Harrelson, Woody's father.



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the murder of his Uncle Claude, a former Houston policeman and FBI agent who was gunned down in January 1990 by an escaped mental patient.

"Woody dreaded the opening of 'JFK.' Although the movie doesn't point a finger at Charles, it's restarted debate about the involvement of other people in the assassination — including Woody's dad.

"Woody said, 'This thing is going to haunt me for the rest of my life.'" And the actor told his friend, "You have no idea what fear is until someone says they're going to kill you!"

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