

EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD
AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

The only eyewitness to give a description of the suspect who allegedly fired the shots at the Presidential motorcade, Howard Brennan, gave the following information to the police:

"the man was possible (sic) 5 foot 10... (despite this, the Commission has concluded that the assassin was "most probably" either sitting or kneeling)... 160 to 170 pounds." (HR, p. 144)

It was on the basis of this description that Officer Tippitt allegedly apprehended Oswald, whom he first saw from the back, as the suspect was walking in a parallel direction, ahead of Tippitt's car.

Here are the Dallas Police Department's records of Oswald's height and weight, made while Oswald was in their custody during the week-end of Nov. 22-24, '63.

Bear in mind that Tippitt recognized a suspect whom he saw only from the back and who was between thirty and forty pounds lighter in weight than the description demanded.

The fact that Brennan gave the man's height as "possible 5 foot 10," although the Commission says the man had to be sitting or kneeling, creates another obstacle in Tippitt's path. Yet, seemingly, Tippitt didn't have the slightest difficulty in pinpointing his man with startling ease and speed.

height was omitted. In his testimony before the Commission, Brennan described the person he saw as " * * * a man in his early thirties, fair complexion, slender, but neat, neat slender, possible 5 foot 10 * * * 160 to 170 pounds." Oswald was 5'9" slender and 23 years old. When arrested, he gave his weight as 140 pounds. On other occasions he gave weights of both 140 and 150 pounds. The New Orleans police records of his arrest in August of 1964 show a weight of 146 pounds. The autopsy report indicated an estimated weight of 150 pounds.

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