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•Bill Chesher (heart attack) was unconnected to the case, but Penn Jones later claimed, without giving supporting evidence, to have a reliable source who asserted that Chesher could link Oswald and Ruby.

•Guy Banister (heart attack) was the New Orleans private investigator repeatedly and incorrectly linked to Oswald. Marrs writes that Banister was the "ex-FBI agent in New Orleans connected to Ferrie, CIA, Carlos Marcello, and Oswald."

*Marrs 559*  
**1965**

•Paul Mandal (lung cancer) was a *Life* reporter who wrote a single article on the assassination.

•David Goldstein (heart attack) is listed by Marrs as a "Dallasite who helped FBI trace Oswald's pistol."<sup>8</sup> Actually, Goldstein was simply the owner of a Dallas gun shop, Dave's House of Guns. He supplied a half-page affidavit, as did every other Dallas gun-store owner, that he did not sell a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver, serial number 65248, the gun Oswald used to kill Tippit.<sup>9</sup>

•Mrs. Earl Smith (heart failure) had nothing to do with the Kennedy case. She is listed solely because she was a friend of Dorothy Kilgallen, a syndicated columnist who wrote about the Ruby trial (see pg. 494).

•Tom Howard (heart attack) was one of Jack Ruby's defense attorneys. "He had a history of heart disease," says assistant district attorney Bill Alexander.\* "He had a heart attack several years earlier, and was a heavy drinker."

**1966**

•Hank Suydam (heart attack) was a *Life* editor who worked on a couple of the Kennedy articles.

•Earlene Roberts (heart failure and pneumonia) had a history of heart disease. She was the cleaning woman at 1026 North

\*Bill Alexander, who prosecuted Ruby, was familiar with everyone connected to the Ruby trial. The author asked him to comment on the Ruby-related deaths, and he is quoted whenever they appear.

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