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Jack Ruby's Club Safe Stolen Before Auction

ATHENS, Tex., May 1 (UPI)—L. J. Ware, a partner in a concern hired to auction off the furnishings of Jack Ruby's nightclub, made an agreement with the Ruby estate not to try to open a backroom safe that was to be included in the sale.

Mr. Ware says that he did not try to get into the safe, but he said that he had wanted to try to buy it at the auction himself, thinking it might hold some seccrets into Ruby, the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy, on Nov. 24, 1963.

The furnishings of Ruby's Carousel-Club in Dallas were auctioned off Saturday, but the safe was not among them. Someone stole it the night before. Mr. Ware offered $300 for its return.

"The safe itself was worth $250, but that's not counting the value of what might be inside it," he said.

Mr. Ware said that a few items had sold for more than their ordinary value, "but most of it sold common."

Ruby died of cancer Jan. 3, 1967. He was convinced March 14, 1964, of shooting Oswald. A new trial was ordered in 1966, but Ruby died before it could be held.