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Geraldo hunts down the truth in Dallas

Geraldo Rivera spent last weekend in Dallas, revisiting the sites and interviewing some people who were there when John F. Kennedy was assassinated 25 years ago. Yes, this means another of Rivera's live, syndicated specials: *On Trial: Lee Harvey Oswald*, a five-hour, two-night (Nov. 22-23) repackaging of a Showtime special that staged a trial of Oswald with real eyewitnesses and experts, not actors.

Rivera's background pieces, which will sandwich the newly edited trial footage, include an interview with former governor John Connolly, who also was shot in the Dallas motorcade. He graphically recounts seeing JFK shot and hearing the bullets all come from the same direction, discounting conspiracy theories of multiple gunmen.

Rivera also visited the Henry King courtroom, where Oswald would have been tried; the Texas movie theater where Oswald was apprehended; and the Dallas police department where Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby. At the latter site, former CBS newsman Ike Pappas was on hand, recalling that he had been present at Oswald's killing as a reporter for WNEW radio. Pappas remembered being repulsed by Ruby, who had approached him before the shooting, offering him a business card for one of his nightclubs.

In true Rivera fashion, the *On Trial* special will let viewers vote via phone on Oswald's guilt.

