

December 17, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: William Frank Coffney c/m/31  
3132 Morgan Drive

Sir:

We received information that the above subject was arrested running from the City Hall after the shooting of Leo Harvey Cowald.

I contacted Sergeant J. F. Everett December 13, 1963. Sergeant Everett stated as follows:

"I was on duty in the Dispatcher's Office and had walked into the hall of the third floor at the time of the shooting. Someone shouted to secure the building and I ran down the steps to the first floor. There I saw the subject William Coffney run towards the Harwood Street exit. Sergeant Putnam, Officer R. T. Davis #1837 and myself apprehended the subject on the steps of the City Hall. He was taken to the Homicide Bureau and interrogated by Detective T. L. Baker. It was determined this subject was apparently sight-seeing on the first floor. He was later released.

This person works for Cockrell and Winniford, 2712 Live Oak, Telephone TA4-6741 - Home Phone, CA4-3419."

This investigation of William Coffney has not been carried any farther at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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