

TIPPIT KILLING

Testimony of - Ted Callaway, March 26, 1964, 3 H 351-7.

He is a car salesman who had two years of college. He was, on November 22, employed at "Harris Brothers, auto sales." He is used car manager. There^{is} location is 501 East Jefferson, which is a block away from 10th and Patton. (p.351)

After hearing 5 shots (and of the witnesses whose testimony about this incident I have read to this moment there are 4 witnesses and 4 different numbers of shots), he ran onto the sidewalk on Patton where he could see the cab driver alongside the cab and "a man cutting from one side of the street to the other". The man "was running. And he had a gun in his hand, his right hand." The position of the gun he described as "raised pistol position", meaning muzzle upward, elbow bent. (p.352)

Callaway said that he saw the man coming toward him with the pistol and "hollered 'Hey, man, what the hell is going on?'" Apparently, he didn't fear getting shot. (p.353)

After Callaway hollered at him, the man "slow~~ed~~ his pace, almost halted for a minute, And he said something to me, which I could not understand. And then kind of shrugged his shoulders, and kept on going." He asked someone named B. D. Searcy to follow this man while he went back to see what had happened. When he got there, "I saw a squad car, and by that time there was four or five people that had gathered, a couple of cars had stopped. Then I saw - I went on up o to the squad car and saw the police officer lying in the street." It was he who was told when he reported it by radio to leave the radio alone. He said, ~~at 1/1/64~~ "I picked the gun up and laid it on the hood of the squad car, and then someone put it in the front seat of the squad car." It was he who got Scoggins to chauffeur him around, with the policeman's pistol. (p.354)

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That evening he went to a lineup with Sam Guinyard, a porter who also saw the man. Before going to the lineup, he had not seen a newspaper, listened to the radio or seen a television. He had not seen any picture of Oswald. He said the man he identified "was the shortest of the bunch." Asked, "Did he have the same clothes on in the lineup - did the man have the same clothes?" Callaway replied, "He had the same trousers and shirt, but he didn't have his jacket on. He had ditched his jacket." (P.355)

It is not ~~surprising~~ surprising that the Commission asked ~~nothing~~ nothing about this knowledge "ditching the jacket". That had nothing to do with the identification of the man and it certainly is suspicious, ~~comment~~ in view of the fact that the police found the jacket. His identification to the police was "dark trousers and a light tannish-gray windbreaker jacket, and I told them that he was fair complexion, ~~dark~~^{rk} hair. ... about 5' 10" ... he looked right at me." When shown Commission Exhibit 162, he said it looked like the jacket the man was wearing, but "actually, I thought it had a little more ^{tan} ~~tan~~ to it." Callaway said he couldn't see the shirt because it was open and he saw the white T-shirt underneath. (p.356)