

May 17, 1963

Mr. J.E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Missed Radio Call

Sir:

On May 15, 1963, while working squad #93, I received a call to 220 N. Zangs Blvd. regarding "Malicious Mischief". I cleared from this call at 10:38 A.M. From there I drove to the 2300 block of West Illinois Avenue where I stopped at the Sullivan Service Station to get air put in a low tire on the squad car. Attendant Larry Sullivan W/120, who aired the tire, asked for information regarding a traffic ticket which he had received. The radio in the car was turned up loud. I turned it down so that I could understand what he was saying. I inadvertently turned it down so low that it could not be heard.

At 10:48 A.M. the Dispatcher attempted to contact me for a radio call to 1215 Turner regarding an injured person. At 10:52 A.M. I realized that I had turned the radio volume to low and corrected this by turning it up so it could be heard.

At 10:54 A.M., two minutes after turning the volume up, the Dispatcher called. I answered, notifying him that my radio had been turned down.

The radio in this car is very sensitive to volume control and can very easily be turned completely off when reducing the volume.

Respectfully Submitted,

*J.D. Tippit*  
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Patrolman # 848  
Patrol Division

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Officer Tippit has had the following missed call sheets: March 18, 1959 and August 1, 1961, prior to this missed call on May 15, 1963. This inattention to duty will be taken into consideration on his next efficiency grade.

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*N. T. Fisher*  
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