

JMS 9/24/09

FERRELL, Dudley Lee

References: CD7 pp 543-5 withheld  
CD 6 pp 321-3 (shown 26/510-1)  
Above two items either identical or similar,  
judging from page cross-indexing.

Paraphrasing the material in vol. 26, Informant, Walter C. Johnson reported on 11/23/63 to the Sheriff of Comal County with pictures from the newspaper showing Oswald, and said he thought he had seen LHO on 11/14 at Dock Ford, New Braunfels, Tex. having a 1962 Plymouth or Dodge serviced. He met "the young man" again on street in New Braunfels, Tex. Young man told Johnson he was on the way to Dallas (new Braunfels is just N. of San Antonio, about 250 road miles So. of Dallas), from someplace "near New Orleans".

Records check for 11/14 @ Dock Ford showed only customer not known to manager, Chester Pehl, was D. L. Ferrell of Dallas (who had work done on a 1959 white Ford).

Ferrell interviewed 12/3/63 at his place of employment, the Main Post Office, Dallas. Had been on deer-hunting trip 11/14 he says. Ferrell recalled a white Plymouth or Dodge being serviced at the garage in New Braunfels on 11/14. Ferrell said he mentioned nothing to anybody about travelling to Dallas from near New Orleans.

FBI report closes with "During the interview, it was noted that FERRELL bears a marked resemblance to OSWALD.

COMMENT:

Cant quite close out this matter.

For one thing, the young man noticed by Johnson is probably not FERRELL, who was born in 1925 and drives a Ford. Johnson's age is not given, so I dont know just what he considers a "young man".

The 1959 Ford would probably not be mistaken for a 1962 Chrysler product.

FERRELL was the only customer "having a car serviced 11/14" not known to Mr. Pehl. Strangely, Mr. Pehl was not asked which of his 11/14 customers, known to him, had a 1962 Plymouth or Dodge "serviced".

I would like to know also whether "serviced" means repair work done (on which Pehl would almost surely keep "records"), or something like gassing up, oil change and a lube, for which he might not. Maybe Ferrell would remember just what was being done on the '62.

It is not completely impossible that the young man seen by Johnson bears a close resemblance to Oswald, is known to Pehl (but only as one of the local Minutemen), and was party to the assassination.

Ferrell saw a white Plymouth or Dodge '62 station wagon being serviced. Quite possible Pehl knew who belonged to the wagon. But if Pehl wasnt asked.... At least the indications are that Johnson saw something real.