

DAVE PERRY'S RUSH TO JUDGMENT - THE FOURTH TRAMP

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Dave Perry recently wrote a six page article titled, "John Elrod, Does He Know Anything?" This article was privately sent to selected assassination researchers a few days after the Washington Post published the article, "The Fourth Tramp", by Ray and Mary LaFontaine.

Perry makes several serious charges in his article such as the following:

"In my view, they tend to bend facts and logic to supportt their own conclusions"

"They did spice up the episode by claiming the FBI agent and two detectives wanted the Dallas police officers to arrest the men in the thunderbird..."

This article will attempt to answer some of Perry's allegations which he apparently developed after a few days of research.

Perry should be commended for taking the additional step of obtaining the Dallas Morning News (11/19/63) article on the arrest of Miller and Whitter. His additional effort far surpasses that of most of the other critics of this story.

Perry however falls short when it comes to continued research. I personally obtained most of the hundreds of pages of documents concerning this story.

That effort took almost 3 years and numerous Freedom of Information Act requests. In addition Mary LaFontaine conducted many interviews spanning the same 3 year period. The story which appeared in the Washington Post was a result of this effort to obtain documentation and evidence. I might add that several other respected researchers were also involved in this effort.

Perry attempts to dis-credit the LaFontaine's based on a comparison of the Washington Post story and the Dallas Morning News story of November 19, 1963. He cites a difference in the events leading up to the arrest of Miller and Whitter. Perry even goes as far as to suggest the LaFontaines "spiced up the article" by claiming the FBI and detectives arranged for the Dallas police officers to arrest the suspects for a traffic violation. In Perry's own summarization of the Washington Post article he quotes as follows:

"According to court records from the resulting criminal trial..."

Unfortunately Perry does not appear to have researched the court