

RUBY IS PLACED AT SCENE--D.A.

Woman Identifies Photo, Garrison Says

NEW YORK (AP)—New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Wednesday night that a woman witness has placed Jack Ruby at the scene of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison said the woman identified a picture of Ruby that was shown to her by FBI agents 24 hours after the assassination in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963. This, Garrison said, was the day before Ruby shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as Kennedy's slayer.

Garrison made the statement during a taping of Johnny Carson's "Tonight" program for broadcast later in the night on NBC-TV.

The woman witness was identified by Garrison as a Julia Ann Mercer, but he did not spell the name nor give a home town or other identification.

The district attorney said she told him that her statement was changed by the FBI and her name forged to a falsified report that later was included in the Warren Commission's report.

Garrison has become a figure of national controversy through his investigation of the assassination. He has opposed the finding of the Warren Commission that Oswald, alone, was the killer.

Garrison reiterated to the Carson audience his contention that a trained group of at least seven men carried out the assassination and that some element of the Central Intelligence Agency was involved.

"There is no question that an element of the CIA killed John Kennedy," he said.

"The evidence is clear," said

Garrison, "that Lee Harvey Oswald never fired a shot."

Garrison said the woman told him of reporting to the FBI that she saw a man with a gun get out of a truck at the assassination scene.

She was shown four photographs by the FBI and she identified one of them as the

driver of the truck, Garrison said. Ruby's name was on the photograph, he said, and she told him she recognized Ruby afterwards when she saw more pictures of him following his slaying of Oswald.

According to the Warren Commission report, Ruby was at the offices of the Dallas Morning News when the late President was shot.

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