

Ruby Fate Uncertain,
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Dallas Doctors Say

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Jack Ruby's fate remained uncertain Monday as doctors hunted the source and sought to determine the extent of his cancer.

Ruby, 55, former Dallas night club operator, was taken from the county jail to Parkland Hospital Friday. The hospital first said he appeared to have pneumonia, then diagnosed the illness as cancer.

Ruby remained in the hospital under a special security guard.

In a later afternoon medical report, physicians said there was "no essential change" in Ruby's condition.

Sheriff Bill Decker called another news conference at his office for Tuesday morning. He has custody of Ruby.

Parkland is where President John F. Kennedy died from gunshot wounds Nov. 22, 1963. Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin, died there two days later after Ruby gunned him down during a routine jail transfer.

A Dallas jury sentenced Ruby to death in March 1964 but a state appellate court reversed the conviction. The second trial was set for Wichita Falls, probably in February, only shortly before Ruby became ill.

Dr. Jay Sanford, professor of internal medicine at Southwestern Medical School, adjoining Parkland Hospital, said at a news conference Monday that Ruby's cancer is "not necessarily a hopeless case."