

MDs: No Ruby Brain Tumor in '63

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The eight tumors discovered in Jack Ruby's brain could not have been there 3½ years ago when he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, doctors say.

A final autopsy report released yesterday contained the surprise information about the

brain tumors—the largest three-fourths of an inch—but doctors who treated Ruby emphasized the tumors were fairly new.

They were an outgrowth of the cell-lining type of cancer which riddled Ruby's lungs and which led to his death Jan. 3 in

Parkland Hospital, said Earl Rose, Dallas County Medical examiner. A massive blood clot which sped from Ruby's leg to his lungs dealt the death blow.

Rose summoned reporters after being repeatedly asked if the brain tumors could have been present when Ruby gunned down Oswald two days after Oswald was charged with killing President Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Ruby's defense in his 1964 trial centered around what his attorney, Melvin Bell, called a brain disorder which caused symptoms of psychomotor epilepsy.

Rose said he and other specialists found no evidence of epilepsy or abnormalities in the brain. He added:

"Ruby's X-rays in 1964 [in the county jail] did not show a tumor of the lung and thus it could not have spread into the brain," he added.

He said there was no question but what the eight tumors were "part and parcel of the cancer in Ruby's lungs. And he couldn't have had that type of lesion in his brain for as long as three years."