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fone would prove that Oswald was the patsy he ed to be. [41]

ewer says he stepped out of the shoe store and cked Oswald as the latter made his way into the exas Theater; that he actually saw him enter. [42] since Oswald is relieved of \$13.87 in cash after his arrest, [43] there is only one apparent explanation for failure to purchase a ticket. He does not want Julia Postal to notice him; rather odd given his shoe store antics. And not too smart. Oswald is likely, though not certain, to be caught by Warren "Butch" Burroughs who tends the candy counter and takes tickets on week days. [44]

There are more contradictions. Joesten tells us that the shoe store is "half a block WEST of the theater." [45] But Postal tells us about an Oswald, panicked by sirens, who appears "flying around the corner"; "coming from EAST GOING WEST." [46] The Postal-Oswald seems o move TOWARD the shoe store, not AWAY from it as loes the Brewer-Oswald.

Brewer says he would have noticed had Oswald purchased a ticket because he had a clear view of the icket booth. But Brewer also says he walked up to the pox office and asked Julia Postal if she had just sold a icket to a man in a brown shirt. Asked why he posed his question, given his visual fix, Brewer responds, "I lon't know." [47]

Postal says she didn't see Oswald sneak into the neater, "because I stepped out of the box office and vent up to the front and was facing west. I was right at ne box office facing west—." Does she remain right by ne box office, or has she stepped away from it? And, iven his panic, one might be surprised that Oswald scapes Postal's attention long enough for surreptitious ntry. Whatever the case, Postal and Brewer decide nat Oswald has ducked into the theater. Brewer goes i to check. Postal calls the police and describes Iswald as "ruddy looking to me." [48]

The above contradictions might be written off to escriptive and perceptual fallibility were it not for formation developed by Leo Sauvage, Jim Marrs and Harris. [49] Leo Sauvage asked Dallas Assistant istrict Attorney Jim Bowie whether a telephone call ad led to Oswald's arrest. Bowie told him there was call from the cashier, but also that there were "Half a dozen calls!" Bowie also told Sauvage he didn't know whether Oswald had purchased a ticket, that Postal was "too upset to remember." Subsequently Sauvage asked Julia Postal several questions, including the one about a ticket purchase. To all questions, Postal's response was "no comment." She was smiling widely. Asked whether she had been told to respond this way, she said, "no com—I mean, it's my own decision." [50]

In <u>Crossfire</u> and conversations with me, Marrs discussed a taped interview [51] with Butch Burroughs. Marrs states that Butch Burroughs (the ticket-candy man) told him that somebody indeed stole into the Texas Theater at about 1:35 p.m.; that he went and checked when he saw the double door to the theater open. Burroughs also checked the balcony to which the person had obviously ascended. He did not find him.

But this person was not Oswald. Marrs writes that Burroughs told him that Oswald purchased a ticket and even bought some popcorn; that he entered the theater shortly after 1 p.m., prior to the Tippit shooting. Marrs corroborates Burroughs on this point through Jack Davis, a theater patron, who told him that Oswald sat next to him minutes after the 1 p.m. beginning of the film.

Also, Marrs says Burroughs told him Julia Postal knows she sold Oswald a ticket. Due to intimidation, she has left Dallas to live in another city. If Marrs is correct, the man who stole into the theater may have precipitated the arrest by deliberately attracting Brewer's attention while Oswald was enjoying his popcorn.

Marrs referred me to J. Harris, a long time assassination investigator, who told me he interviewed Julia Postal. This interview took place in the office of the Texas Theater manager. Postal told Harris she thought she had glimpsed a surreptitious entry out of the corner of her eye. Eventually Harris turned the discussion to the moment the police brought Oswald out of the Texas Theater. Harris asked Postal whether, upon seeing Oswald, she had had any sense that she had sold him a ticket. Postal immediately burst into tears. Harris walked out of the office, then reinterviewed Postal in an attempt to calm her with less troubling questions. But she burst into tears again when asked whether she might have sold Oswald a ticket.