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1 <A2>AP-Kennedy Assassination, 2nd Ld - writethru, a0785,0841<ql>  
 2 Man Says His Father Helped Assassinate John F. Kennedy<ql>  
 3 Eds: Leads with 5 grafs to UPDATE with FBI declining to  
 4 comment, <A1>notes that conspiracy theories rife since Kennedy's  
 5 death; CORRECTS spelling in 3rd graf back to Connally sted  
 6 Connally; picks up 5th graf pvs, White said...<ql>  
 7 <ep>  
 8 AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -- An unemployed oil equipment salesman  
 9 claims that his late father, a former Dallas police officer,  
 10 was one of three men who assassinated President John F.  
 11 Kennedy in 1963.<ep>  
 12 Ricky White scheduled a meeting with reporters Monday in  
 13 Dallas to offer evidence he said implicates his father,  
 14 Roscoe White, in the assassination, the Austin  
 15 American-Statesman reported Sunday.<ep>  
 16 The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald,  
 17 acting alone, fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded  
 18 Texas Gov. John Connally. Despite the commission's findings,  
 19 conspiracy theories have abounded over 27 years.<ep>  
 20 White, 29, said he "had no conception of ever, ever giving  
 21 this story out," but decided to do so after the FBI began  
 22 questioning him in May 1988 in relation to his claims.<ep>  
 23 Woody Specht, FBI special agent in Dallas, refused to  
 24 comment on the claims, other than to say: "You really need to  
 25 evaluate the source on these types of things."<ep>  
 26 White said he can prove that his father fired two of the  
 27 three bullets that killed the president and that his father,  
 28 not Oswald, also killed Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit  
 29 less than an hour after the assassination.<ep>  
 30 White said Oswald was involved in the plot, but did not  
 31 fire any shots. The two other shooters were referred to in  
 32 his father's diary only by code names, White said.<ep>  
 33 Roscoe White died in a fire in 1971.<ep>  
 34 The evidence White reportedly will provide includes a  
 35 rifle with telescopic sight that uses ammunition he said is  
 36 similar to that used in Oswald's gun; records showing Oswald  
 37 and White served together in the Marines; and three faded  
 38 messages he believes were sent by U.S. intelligence officials  
 39 ordering Kennedy's assassination in Dallas in November 1963.<ep>  
 40 Bobby Inman, the former deputy CIA director, viewed the  
 41 messages and told the American-Statesman they were not  
 42 genuine.<ep>  
 43 White, an unemployed equipment salesman in Midland, said  
 44 that he and his mother read his father's diary, which  
 45 detailed the assassination. His mother, Geneva White, is  
 46 seriously ill and unable to be interviewed, family members  
 47 told the newspaper.<ep>  
 48 The diary disappeared from his home after it was inspected  
 49 by the FBI, White says.<ep>  
 50 White said his mother worked briefly at Jack Ruby's

51 Carousel Club in Dallas. Ruby fatally shot Oswald two days  
52 after Kennedy was assassinated.<ep>

53 Clues found among his father's effects and available  
54 government records show that Roscoe White and Oswald served  
55 together in the U.S. Marine Corps in the late 1950s, Ricky  
56 White said. He said his father claimed to have become  
57 acquainted with Oswald in Japan and the Philippines.<ep>

58 He said his father's possessions also included a  
59 photograph, taken by Marina Oswald of her husband, Lee Harvey  
60 Oswald, holding a rifle in the back yard of their Dallas home  
61 in 1963.<ep>

62 Oswald was discharged in 1959 and defected to the Soviet  
63 Union. He returned to the United States in 1962, settling  
64 first in Fort Worth before moving to Dallas.<ep>

65 The elder White was discharged in late 1962 and joined his  
66 wife and two sons in Paris, Texas. Ricky White says his  
67 family later moved to Dallas where his father sold insurance.<ep>

68 Dallas police records show that on Oct. 7, 1963, Roscoe  
69 White joined the department as a photographer and clerk, and  
70 that he became a patrol officer in 1964.<ep>

71 White says his father shot from behind a fence atop the  
72 grassy knoll that was to the right and front of Kennedy's  
73 limousine when he was shot. He says the other two gunmen were  
74 behind the limousine in the Texas School Book Depository,  
75 where Oswald also was, and in a second building.<ep>

76 As the incriminating evidence began to mount against his  
77 father, Ricky White asked the JFK Assassination Information  
78 Center in Dallas to verify or disprove his father's  
79 involvement, center director Larry Howard told The Associated  
80 Press. The information center is a private group that has  
81 pursued the idea of a conspiracy and coverup in Kennedy's  
82 death.<ep>

83 "He's actually very courageous to follow this thing  
84 through," Howard said Sunday. "The amount of documentation we  
85 have to back his story up is just incredible."<ep>

86 Howard said he has been working with White for 1 1/2 years,  
87 and hopes White's story will lead to a new investigation of  
88 the assassination.<ep>

89 "I've never been so convinced of anything in my life,"  
90 Howard said.<ep>

91 "We're not saying that we've solved the John F. Kennedy  
92 assassination case but this sure opens the doors to another  
93 investigation."<ep>

94 Howard said Americans are fascinated by JFK's  
95 assassination. "I think they know that it was a massive  
96 coverup in the very beginning and they want to know the  
97 truth," he said.<ep>

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