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1 <A2>PM-Kennedy Assassination, 1st Ld - Writethru, a0465,1088<ql>
2 URGENT<ql>
3 Man Says His Father Helped Assassinate John F. Kennedy<ql>
4 Eds: UPDATES throughout with white's comments at press
5 conference, <A1>claiming his father was one of three men who
6 fired shot, quotes from his pastor, Shaw, other details;
7 defacing of JFK statue in Boston on anniversary of Marilyn
8 Monroe's death; DELETES outdated material; ADDS byline. No
9 pickup.<ql>
10 <A2>By CHARLES RICHARDS<qc>
11 Associated Press Writer<A1><qc>
12 <ep>
13 DALLAS (AP) -- A 29-year-old unemployed oil equipment
14 salesman said today that his father was one of three men who
15 fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy 26
16 years ago on CIA orders.<ep>
17 During a press conference, Ricky White said his late
18 father, Roscoe White, joined the Dallas Police Department two
19 months before the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination for the express
20 purpose of carrying out the assassination.<ep>
21 White, who said his father went by the code name
22 "'Mandarin,'" was stationed at the grassy knoll.<ep>
23 Two other CIA operatives with code names "'Lebanon'" and
24 "'Saul'" were stationed in the Texas School Book Depository and
25 the County Records Building overlooking Dealey Plaza, the
26 assassination site, he said.<ep>
27 "'He was told by the government to do something,'" White
28 told dozens of reporters. "'You don't question the
29 government.'"<ep>
30 White said that Lee Harvey Oswald was a part of the plot,
31 but did not fire shots. He described Oswald and police
32 officer J.D. Tippit as "'patsies.'"<ep>
33 The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, acting alone,
34 fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded John
35 Connally, then the Texas governor.<ep>
36 Despite the commission's findings, conspiracy theories
37 have abounded since the assassination.<ep>
38 Oswald was blamed for killing Tippit less than an hour
39 after the assassination.<ep>
40 White said today that his father and Tippit picked up
41 Oswald following the assassination, although Tippit
42 apparently had no knowledge of the assassination or the plot.<ep>
43 White said the plan was to drive Oswald to Red Bird
44 Airport but somewhere along the way, Oswald panicked and got
45 out of the car. At that point Tippit apparently became
46 suspicious and told Roscoe White that they would have to go
47 to police headquarters for questioning.<ep>
48 At that point, White shot Tippit, Ricky White said.<ep>
49 "'I know he had to live with this the rest of his life

51 said.<ep>

52 Roscoe White's pastor at the time of the assassination,
53 the Rev. Jack Shaw, was also at today's press conference held
54 in the JFK Assassination Information Center. The Dallas
55 center has examined various conspiracy theories over the
56 years.<ep>

57 Shaw said Roscoe White discussed the assassination with
58 him on several agonizing occasions, including a last
59 conversation on his deathbed.<ep>

60 Shaw said he believes Roscoe White, who died in a 1971
61 fire, was killed by a witness elimination team activated
62 after Kennedy's death. White had resigned from the Dallas
63 Police Department in 1965 to go into private business, his
64 son said.<ep>

65 Roscoe White's wife, Geneva, told Shaw of overhearing her
66 husband and Jack Ruby discuss the assassination plot, Shaw
67 said. She also overheard them discuss how White would kill
68 Tippit and Ruby would kill Oswald at police headquarters.<ep>

69 Ruby fatally shot Oswald two days after Kennedy was
70 assassinated.<ep>

71 "Jack Ruby knew in advance that Oswald would be moved. It
72 was part of a plan that was set up and (Geneva White)
73 overheard it before it happened. (Ruby) would shoot the man
74 before the TV cameras," Shaw said.<ep>

75 Shaw said Mrs. White overheard Ruby say "I will take care
76 of Oswald." White responded, "I will take care of the
77 president and I will take care of Tippit."<ep>

78 Ricky White and several others Monday characterized Roscoe
79 White as a CIA operative who had committed several other
80 killings at the government's behest.<ep>

81 An FBI agent and a former CIA agent cast doubt on White's
82 story, which White initially related to the Austin
83 American-Statesman in a story published Sunday.<ep>

84 White told the newspaper that the FBI questioned him about
85 his claims in 1988. He said that soon after, a key piece of
86 evidence, his father's diary, disappeared.<ep>

87 White said that he and his mother read the diary, which
88 detailed the assassination. He said he "had no conception of
89 ever, ever giving this story out," but decided to do so after
90 the FBI began questioning him.<ep>

91 Woody Specht, an FBI agent in Dallas who spent nine years
92 assigned to the Kennedy assassination case, refused to
93 comment on the claims other than to say: "You really need to
94 evaluate the source on these types of things.<ep>

95 "There's been so many claims like this in the last 27
96 years," Specht said. "You have to use good judgment here,
97 especially from somebody who was, what, 2 years old at the
98 time?"<ep>

99 White said his evidence includes a rifle with telescopic
100 sight that uses ammunition he said is similar to that used in
101 Oswald's gun; records showing Oswald and White served
102 together in the Marines, and three faded messages he believes
103 were sent by U.S. intelligence officials ordering Kennedy's
104 assassination.<ep>

105 Bobby Inman, former deputy CIA director, viewed the
106 messages and told the Austin American-Statesman they were
107 phony.<ep>

108 White said his mother worked briefly at Jack Ruby's
109 Carousel Club in Dallas. Ruby fatally shot Oswald two days

110 after Kennedy was assassinated.<ep>

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

114 Ricky White asked the JFK Assassination Information Center
115 in Dallas to verify or disprove his father's involvement,
116 center director Larry Howard said.<ep>

117 The center is a private group that has pursued the idea of
118 a conspiracy and coverup in Kennedy's death. "The amount of
119 documentation we have to back his story up is just
120 incredible," Howard said Sunday.<ep>

121 In Boston, the John F. Kennedy statue at the Statehouse
122 was defaced Sunday, the anniversary of Marilyn Monroe's
123 death, police said.<ep>

124 After an anonymous call, police checked the statue at
125 Sunday morning and found the word "murderer" splashed in
126 two-inch letters with white spray paint on the monument's
127 granite base. Kennedy and Monroe have been romantically link
128 by some books and the tabloid press.<ep>

129 "The individual that did this was one sick turkey,"
130 Capitol Police Lt. Paul McDonald said. "Many tourists have
131 come up today and been shocked and dismayed, this is
132 absolutely another black eye on the state of Massachusetts."<ep>

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