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1 <A2>PM-Kennedy Assassination, 3rd Ld - Writethru, a0581,0759<cl>
 2 Man Says His Father Helped Assassinate John F. Kennedy<ql>
 3 Eds: REWRITES throughout to tighten, to move up FBI comment,
 4 and to <A1>delete defacing of statue in Boston. No pickup.<ql>
 5 <A2>By CHARLES RICHARDS<qc>
 6 Associated Press Writer<A1><qc>
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 8 DALLAS (AP) -- A 29-year-old unemployed oil equipment
 9 salesman said today that his father was one of three men who
 10 fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy on CIA
 11 orders.<ep>
 12 During a press conference, Ricky White said his late
 13 father, Roscoe White, joined the Dallas Police Department two
 14 months before the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination so he could
 15 carry out the assassination.<ep>
 16 White, who said his father went by the code name
 17 "'Mancarin,'" was stationed at the grassy knoll.<ep>
 18 Two other CIA operatives with code names "'Lebanon'" and
 19 "'Saul'" were stationed in the Texas School Book Depository and
 20 the County Records Building overlooking Dealey Plaza, the
 21 assassination site, he said.<ep>
 22 "'He was told by the government to do something,'" White
 23 told dozens of reporters. "'You don't question the
 24 government.'"<ep>
 25 White said that Lee Harvey Oswald was a part of the plot,
 26 but did not fire shots. He described Oswald and police
 27 officer J.D. Tippit as "'patsies.'"<ep>
 28 The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, acting alone,
 29 fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded John
 30 Connally, then the Texas governor. Despite the commission's
 31 findings, conspiracy theories have abounded since the
 32 assassination.<ep>
 33 Woody Specht, an FBI agent in Dallas who spent nine years
 34 assigned to the Kennedy assassination case, refused to
 35 comment on the claims other than to say: "'You really need to
 36 evaluate the source on these types of things.<ep>
 37 "'There's been so many claims like this in the last 27
 38 years,'" Specht said. "'You have to use good judgment here,
 39 especially from somebody who was, what, 2 years old at the
 40 time?'"<ep>
 41 White said today that his father and Tippit picked up
 42 Oswald following the assassination, although Tippit
 43 apparently had no knowledge of the assassination or the plot.<ep>
 44 White said the plan was to drive Oswald to Red Bird
 45 Airport but somewhere along the way, Oswald panicked and got
 46 out of the car. At that point Tippit apparently became
 47 suspicious and told Roscoe White that they would have to go
 48 to police headquarters for questioning.<ep>
 49 At that point, White shot Tippit, Ricky White said.<ep>

50 "I know he had to live with this the rest of his life
51 because J.D. Tippit was a close friend of the family," White
52 said.<ep>

53 Roscoe White's pastor at the time of the assassination,
54 the Rev. Jack Shaw, was also at today's press conference held
55 in the JFK Assassination Information Center, which has
56 examined various conspiracy theories over the 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 Shaw said Mrs. White overheard Ruby say "'I will take care
72 of Oswald.'" White responded, "'I will take care of the
73 president and I will take care of Tippit.'"<ep>

74 Ricky White and several others today characterized Roscoe
75 White as a CIA operative who had committed several other
76 killings at the government's behest.<ep>

77 White said he learned of his father's involvement in the
78 plot 12 years ago and struggled to come to terms with that
79 knowledge. White said he read part of a diary that discussed
80 the assassination plot, but he said the diary was taken from
81 the family by the FBI in the last couple of years.<ep>

82 White showed reporters documents Monday that he said
83 buttress his claims that his father killed Kennedy. Among the
84 items were embarkation slips showing that both White and
85 Oswald left on the same ship for Marine duty in Japan on Aug.
86 22, 1957.<ep>

87 He also gave reporters copies of three faded messages he
88 believes were sent by U.S. intelligence officials ordering
89 Kennedy's assassination.<ep>

90 Bobby Inman, the former deputy CIA director, viewed the
91 messages and said they were not genuine.<ep>

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