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Following are all AP and UPI wire service stories through early morning August 10, 1990 on the claim of Ricky White that his deceased father, Roscoe White, was a participant in the assassination of JFK

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Roscoe White's pastor at the time of the assassination, the Rev. Jack Shaw, was also at Monday's press conference held in the JFK Assassination Information Center. The Dallas center has examined various conspiracy theories over the years.

Shaw said Roscoe White discussed the assassination with him on several agonizing occasions, including a last conversation on his deathbed.

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

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

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By JEANIE STOKES

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By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) -- The CIA and FBI dismissed as "ludicrous" and "not credible" renewed claims that the CIA had a hand in the assassination of President Kennedy and allegations one gunman is living in secrecy in Texas.

Ricky Don White, an unemployed oilfield worker, claimed on Monday that his father, a Dallas police department employee acting on orders from the CIA, fired the shots that killed Kennedy. White's father, Roscoe White, died in 1971. The CIA broke a longstanding policy against commenting on alleged cover operations to deny the story.

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"These allegations -- that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy -- are ludicrous," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said in Washington.

The FBI said in a statement that it had received the same information in 1988 but "determined that this information is not credible."

The story adds another conspiracy theory to the bulging file on the assassination, even though the Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot the president from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. In 1978, a divided House committee concluded that Oswald

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shot the president but that a second gunman also fired a shot that day that missed.

Theories have circulated for years that the CIA had a part in the assassination.

White gave his account at a news conference Monday, although he had been shopping his story to reporters for some time.

His claim was backed by his mother, Geneva White Galle, who told The Odessa

American "there is no doubt in my mind that my husband did shoot Kennedy." She

was married to Roscoe White for 15 years, and remarried after White died.

Mrs. Galle, who has terminal cancer, said she wished the information had been

revealed sooner and added, "I lost my health because of it."

In his news conference, Ricky White did not repeat an earlier contention that one of the three purported co-conspirators lives a reclusive, fearful existence near Dallas.

However, Gary Shaw, who helped organize Monday's event, said the co-conspirator was not mentioned "because we want to approach this in a way not to make them run."

At the news conference, White said he hoped his story would result in a book and movie contract.

White said much of his theory is based on information he said was in a diary kept by his father, who served in the Marines with Oswald. White said the diary -- which he showed to no one -- is missing, and suggested it was taken by the FBI.

White, who lives in Midland, said his father joined the Police Department

three months before the assassination in 1963 to carry out the plot.

White claimed the diary shows his father was on a grassy knoll in front of the presidential motorcade and fired two shots that struck Kennedy. Oswald was part of the conspiracy but fired no shots, White said.

White said his father also killed police Officer J.D. Tippit about an hour after the assassination. Tippit's slaying has been blamed on Oswald.

White died at age 35 in what his son called a suspicious fire and explosion

at an equipment company in suburban Garland, where he was shop foreman. White

said he believes a CIA "witness elimination" squad killed his father.

Ricky White made his claims at the JFK Assassination Information Center a private group that researches assassination theories.

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DALLAS (UPI) -- An extraordinary tale of the Kennedy assassination unveiled

by Ricky Don White Monday has attracted a great deal of attention, but proving

it won't be easy.

The 29-year-old White says a diary that would help back up his claims was stolen by the FBI.

White's father, rookie Dallas cop Roscoe White, who supposedly fired two shots that killed JFK, died in what his son described as a suspicious explosion and fire in 1971.

And Roscoe White's wife is too sick to be interviewed.

"It's a fairy tale," said David Belin, counsel to the Warren Commission which concluded in 1964 that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone, shooting Kennedy from the old Texas School Book Depository. "And it's a fairy tale that's a outgrowth of hallucinatory drugs."

Too many of White's details are familiar, said author Jim Moore.

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was code-named "Saul", also fired at the president. One was perched in the book

depository, the other in the nearby County Records Building.

Moore, whose forthcoming "Conspiracy of One" deals with the assassination,

said a 1975 book by Hugh MacDonald, "Appointment in Dallas," purported to explain the killing based on an account from a former intelligence operative.

The book never divulged the real name of the supposed agent. Instead, Moore said, the author used an imaginary code name "Saul."

One of the assassins described by MacDonald fired from the County Records

Building, a building where Moore said the relevant windows cannot and never could be opened.

White said his father fired from the grassy knoll, hitting Kennedy from front-to-back. But Belin, who said he has had more contact with witnesses and

pathologists involved than any man alive, insists the forensic evidence proves

the bullets came from behind.

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Moore, who testified before the House committee, agreed.

"It would not matter to me if Jesus Christ came down and said, 'I did it,'

Moore said. "If he were firing from the grassy knoll, I would have some hard

questions for him."

Even those who feel Ricky White's story should be looked at are skeptical.

"I think that in order to understand the assassination of JFK, one has to be

willing to look down avenues that at first seem preposterous, even impossible,"

said Carl Henry, who has researched the assassination extensively. But he adds,

"If you've got a tiger by the tail, let's see the tiger."

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Texan Claims His Father Helped Assassinate Kennedy

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CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield denied the allegations of CIA involvement. White

"was never employed by the CIA or associated in any way with the agency,"

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Mansfield said. "We normally never confirm or deny employment, but these allegations are so outrageous that we felt it was necessary and appropriate to respond."

White said Lee Harvey Oswald was a part of the plot, but did not fire shots.

He described Oswald and police officer J.D. Tippit, who died in the assassination aftermath, as "patsies."

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, acting alone, fired the shots

from the Depository that killed Kennedy and wounded John Connally, then the Texas governor. Despite the commission's findings, conspiracy theories have abounded since the assassination.

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JFK center officials ask Mattox to investigate new assassination theory
AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) -- Officials with John F. Kennedy assassination
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centers Tuesday asked Attorney General Jim Mattox to investigate a new
theory

that a Dallas police officer killed the president.

The JFK experts who sponsored a news conference Monday for Ricky Don
White, a

Midland oil equipment salesman who claims his father was involved in the
shooting, met with Mattox for much of the afternoon Tuesday.

"Mattox met with them for about three hours. He asked a lot questions.

They

went over evidence. They discussed evidence," Mattox spokesman Ron Dusek
said.

"Mattox told them that he would review the information that they brought
to

him. They said that they would provide him with some additional
information.

Mattox made no commitment, but said that he was interested and would take
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close look at the information and then make a decision on whether to pursu
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further."

J. Gary Shaw with the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas an

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Bernard Fensterwald, president of the Assassination Archives and Research
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in Washington, took White's evidence to Mattox in hopes of obtaining a
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review into the evidence White claims implicates the CIA in the
assassination.

White claims his father, a former Dallas police officer, was one of
three

U.S. intelligence operatives who killed Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, as he
traveled

in a motorcade through downtown Dallas.

White, 29, also said that evidence his late father, Roscoe Anthony
White,

left behind indicated that presumed Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald
never

fired a shot. Instead, he said, Oswald was set up to take the blame for th
assassination as part of a plot that included the man who killed Oswald on
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Following are all AP and UPI wire service stories through early morning August 10, 1990 on the claim of Ricky White that his deceased father, Roscoe White, was a participant in the assassination of JFK

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -- An unemployed oil equipment salesman claims that his late father, a former Dallas police officer, was one of three men who assassinated President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Ricky White scheduled a meeting with reporters Monday in Dallas to offer evidence he said implicates his father, Roscoe White, in the assassination the

Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday.

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded Texas Gov. John Connally. Despite the

commission's findings, conspiracy theories have abounded over 27 years.

White, 29, said he "had no conception of ever, ever giving this story out,"

but decided to do so after the FBI began questioning him in May 1988 in relation to his claims.

Woody Specht, FBI special agent in Dallas, refused to comment on the claims, other than to say: "You really need to evaluate the source on these types of things."

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White said he can prove that his father fired two of the three bullets that killed the president and that his father, not Oswald, also killed Dallas

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