

Other rifles

Julia Ann Mercer, affidavit, 11/22/63.

Nov. 22, no time given, but probably before assassination because she does not mention any commotion. Driving west on Elm, and 45 or 50 feet "east of the overhead signs of the right entrance road to the overpass" she had to stop behind a truck parked on the right side of the road. She could not pass it because of the traffic and while she was blocked behind it saw a man behind the truck take "what appeared to be a gun case" from it and walk up "the grassy hill which forms part of the overpass." Describes the man behind the wheel of truck, the second man, the truck and the gun case, giving the dimensions.

Was not called to testify.

CE 2003, XXIV, 216

Decker Exh. 5323, XIX, 483) identical

Philip Ben Hathaway, affidavit, 11/22/63.

Nov. 22, 11:50 a.m., walking north on Akard (about eight blocks from Depository) between Commerce and Main, saw a man walking south carrying rifle in gun case. Describes man and gun case. Remarked on this to friend walking with him, John S.R. Lawrence. Lawrence, who also gave affidavit (XIX, 482), saw the man but not the gun/case.

Hathaway not called to testify.

CE 2003, XXIV, 211

Decker Exh. 5323, XIX, 477) identical

Warren Caster, testimony May 14, 1964, VII, 387-8.

Nov. 20, 1963, Caster, assistant manager, Southwestern Publishing Co., with offices in TSBD, took two guns into the building. One was a .22 rifle for his son, the other a .30-06 sporterized Mauser for himself; had just bought them on his lunch hour. After showing them to Roy Truly and William H. Shelley, a TSBD employee, took them up to his office. * Took them home with him at the end of the day. Have not yet found any testimony that anyone saw him take the guns out of the building. He testified they were at his home Nov. 22, 1963.

VII, 317-8.

VII, 381-2, testimony, Roy Truly.

Check testimony, William Shelley, VI, 327.

*second floor

Jesse Curry, intv, WFAA-TV, Nov. 23, 1963, speaking of rifle ordered from "mail-order house":

Q. Then that's definitely the same gun which had been sent to Washington?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. Can you tell us what the -- ?

CURRY. Now, now, let me say this: I can't say for sure on that.

Q. On what? What's that, Chief?

CURRY. He asked if this was the gun that we sent to Washington, the gun that was ordered. I can't say definitely on that; I don't know.

CE 2145, XXIV 761

Does this mean there was more than one rifle and Curry is not sure if the one sent to Washington was the "mail-order" gun - or that only one rifle was found and it had not yet been established that it had been ordered from Klein's? Probably the latter, judging from the quote below:

Curry intv, KRLD-TV, Nov. 24, 1963:

CURRY. Now, just how far the FBI has been able to tie this gun in with the particular mail order house, to say this is the weapon that was shipped to this man, I don't know ...

CE 2147, XXIV, 776

Curry intv, NBC-TV, Nov. 23, 1963:

Q. What is the name of the rifle that was found in the sixth floor of the Depository Building?

CURRY. That was --

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CE 2143, XXIV 754.

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Mark Lane, in a statement to the Guardian May 4 .. said he has learned that a second rifle, not the one attributed to Oswald, was found on the roof of the Texas Schoolbook Depository building the day the President was murdered.

/Lane describes meeting between Thayer Waldo, reporter for Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and Mike Howard, Secret Service agent./ At one point during their meeting, Waldo asked Mike Howard whether there was any truth to the story that another rifle was found on the roof of the schoolbook building, a story that had previously been denied. Mike Howard replied: "Yes, we found a rifle on the roof, but it was dropped by a Dallas police officer earlier in the day and he forgot to pick it up."

National Guardian, May 9, 1964 - filed Guardian