

KENNEDY THREAT IS LAID TO TEXAN

Dallas Machinist Seized — Remarks Made Nov. 21

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DALLAS, Dec. 19—A 21-year-old Dallas machinist was arrested by the Secret Service today on charges of threatening to kill President Kennedy.

The machinist, Russell W. McLarry, said the threat had been made in jest Nov. 21, the day before Mr. Kennedy was assassinated here.

Two women to whom Mr. McLarry allegedly made the statement reported it to the police in Arlington, about 15 miles west of here, soon after they heard of the assassination.

At a preliminary hearing in Fort Worth today, the Secret Service agent who apprehended Mr. McLarry testified that the machinist had said he was "proud — no, glad" that the President had been killed.

Mr. McLarry attends night classes at the Arlington State College in Arlington as a freshman. The alleged threat was made on the campus to two women students.

Mr. McLarry was alleged to have told the women that he would be working near the Trade Mart the next day and would be waiting with a gun to "get" the President.

Works Near Trade Mart

Charles E. Kunkel, of the Dallas office of the Secret Service, testified that he had confronted Mr. McLarry with this report and that, in substance, the student had admitted it.

Mr. McLarry works at the Dahlgren Manufacturing Company, which makes lithographic printing equipment in a plant three blocks north of the Trade Mart. President Kennedy was driving to the mart to make a luncheon speech when he was killed, apparently by rifle shots from a sixth-floor window of a downtown Dallas building in the other direction from the mart.

United States Attorney Barefoot Sanders said here today that he had no evidence of any connection between Mr. McLarry and Lee H. Oswald, the alleged assassin.

In Fort Worth, United States Commissioner Bill Atkins set bond at \$2,500. Mr. McLarry could not raise it and was remanded to the Tarrant County jail.

He was arraigned earlier today in Fort Worth rather than Dallas because the alleged threat was made in Tarrant County, of which Fort Worth is the seat.

Mr. Sanders said the case would be presented to the next Federal grand jury to be convened in the Northern District of Texas. This jury will convene in Amarillo the week of Jan. 6.



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ACCUSED OF THREAT: Russell W. McLarry after arrest in Fort Worth on charge of having threatened to kill President Kennedy.

Mr. McLarry, who is single, lives in an apartment house in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, a sprawling area where Oswald lived. Former fellow employes at another plant here described Mr. McLarry as unusually argumentative.

If Mr. McLarry had a gun, it has not been found.

At Arlington, it was said that Mr. McLarry was taking courses in American history and algebra.

The authorities said they had

found no connection between Mr. McLarry and anti-Kennedy leaflets that appeared on the Arlington campus the day before the assassination. The leaflets bore the heading: "Wanted for treason."

Mr. McLarry was interviewed by the Secret Service Tuesday night and was arrested this morning. The agency indicated that the case had not been pursued immediately after the assassination because there had been more pressing things to do.

Mr. McLarry was charged under a Federal statute that prohibits threats of bodily harm or death to a President, Vice President or President-elect. Conviction could carry a fine of up to \$8,000 or five years in prison.

Meanwhile, District Judge Joe B. Brown announced that the murder trial of Jack Ruby would not be televised.

Ruby, who is charged with killing Oswald in the basement of the City Hall two days after the President was assassinated, is scheduled to go to trial in Judge Brown's court in Dallas Feb. 3.

No cameras will be allowed in the courtroom, Judge Brown said.

The board of governors of the American Bar Association had urged him to reject proposals that he allow live television coverage of the trial.

Sheriff Bill Decker denied today a report that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been at the Dallas County jail, where Ruby is held, to resume questioning of the prisoner.

Find No Link to Oswald

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—Officials said today that they had no evidence connecting Mr. McLarry with Lee H. Oswald, the alleged assassin of President Kennedy.

"So far as we know," a Justice Department spokesman said, "there is no connection between McLarry and the actual assassination."