14 Nov 68 - Penn Jones, Midlothian Mirror:

"An unreported bit of news out of Dallas this week [10-16 Nov] is that Harry Dean Thomas, husband of the widow of J.D. Tippit, is in a Dallas Hospital in critical condition from a severe beating. He has a ruptured artery in the brain. No news as to who administered the beating."

22 Nov 68 - SFExaminer (filed Chron II - anniversary 1968):

Thomas, 46, "almost died earlier this month of a ballooning blood vessel in the brain, but is now recovering." No mention of beating.