

Oswald's Guns Object of Suit In Denver

DENVER (AP) — The Justice Department has filed suit in federal court in an attempt to block a Denver gun collector's claim for possession of the rifle that killed President Kennedy.

The department asked the Denver court to dismiss the lawsuit of John J. King, Denver oil company executive who said he paid Marina Oswald a \$10,000 deposit for the rifle and for the .38 caliber pistol that killed Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit.

Marina Oswald is the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of the President.

The Justice Department further asked that, should the dismissal motion be denied, the court delay consideration of King's suit until Congress acts on a bill allowing the government to take permanent possession of the weapons.

The department's motion, filed yesterday, revealed that both weapons have been in possession of the supervisor of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service in Dallas since August.

Kennedy, Tippit and Oswald were all slain in Dallas.

The IRS took possession on grounds that Oswald violated the National Firearms Act when he bought the guns under a false name from a Chicago mail order house.