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Dallas -- Officer D.R. Archer testified....that the defendant came at Oswald -- gun in hand -- in the basement of the Dallas police headquarters last Nov. 24. He was muttering unintelligible phrases but did call the accused presidential assassin a "son of a bitch."

After the shooting, Archer said, "as we got him down on the floor, I heard him say, 'I hope I killed the son of a bitch.'"

Three to five minutes later, Archer continued, when he was inside the jail with Ruby, he told the defendant, "I think you killed him."

"He said," Archer added, "I intended to shoot him three times."

... Police officer L.C. Graves, walking alongside Oswald when Ruby shot him, said he did not hear Ruby say he hoped Oswald died. The other officer alongside Oswald, J.R. Leavelle, testified yesterday that Ruby said he hoped Oswald would die.

....During questionig of Graves, Belli asked him at one point about Ruby's being in police headquarters at the time Oswald was shot.

"There was no connection between the Dallas police force and Ruby in his coming there that mornig, was there?"

"I don't know," Graves replied.

"I don't believe it," Belli declared, "and I want it out o ut of this case now," ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

"Personally," Graves said, "there was no connection between me and Jack Ruby in his getting into that basement."

In questioning prospective jurors, Bel i frequently hit at what he called unfounded rumors of a conspiracy between Dallas police and Ruby to silence Oswald.

Archer testified he was interrogated by the FBI.

"They were interested in the breakdown of security, how he (Ruby) got in," Archer said.

"You knew they were trying to inquire if there was any conspiracy or liaison between the police and Jack Ruby?" Belli ~~asked~~ ^{asked}

"No, I didn't," Archer replied.

....Before the jury returned from recess, Ruby's attorneys made a strong plea for the right to see a written statement ~~presumably~~ given by Archer. The statement presumably covers the same ground that he testified to today. The prosecution has objected and Judge J^ue B. Brown ruled that the written statement was "inadmissible."

After the ruling, asst. dist. atty A.D. Bowie rose and asked the court to instruct the defense lawyers not to allude to it in front of the jury. Tohill leaped to his feet and roared:

"I submit that that is absolute proof that that statement is at variance with his testimony." 1148acs

Dallas policeman Thoas McMillan told the jury he had heard Ruby say:

"You rat son of a bitch, you shot the president."

He said Ruby came through the police guards "in a crouch and the gun was coming up at the same time." McMillan said that after Ruby cursed Oswald "then the gun went off."

....McMillan related fragments of conversation while Ruby was being taken in the elevator to the fifth floor of City Hall. He ~~was~~ quoted a police Capt. King as saying to Ruby:

"Of all the low life things that ever happened, this takes the cake. why did you do it?"

He said Ruby's reply was:

"Somebody had to do it. Somebody had to do it. You guys couldn't ~~do it~~" 1206pcs