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**New Facts**

# Secrets of The Assassination

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**NEW YORK**—While the nation and the world wait for the report of the Warren Commission, new disclosures of events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have been obtained exclusively by this writer.

They are statements and affidavits. Presumably they will be incorporated in the voluminous report which President Johnson is now studying.

Chief Justice Earl Warren and his committee have taken 10 months to complete their task. They have questioned a host of confused and confusing witnesses.

The important new points:

- A woman who witnessed the killing of Officer J. D. Tippit was warned by police that her life would be in danger if she talked about the case to anyone. She gave what seemed to be a vivid description of the slayer—a description which did not fit Lee Harvey Oswald—but she made her statement after being promised that her name would not be revealed. She said:

"I'm not allowed to talk to anybody . . . Might get killed on the way to work . . . See, they'll kill people that know something about that."

- Another eyewitness to the Tippit shooting, Mrs. Helen Markham—who identified Oswald in a police lineup — also said she had been told not to talk by "several" persons whom she identified as FBI, Secret Service men, and Dallas detectives.

Mrs. Markham signed an affidavit for the Dallas police, and one for the Secret Service. She also talked on the phone to Mark Lane, New York attorney, retained by Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald.

Lane taped her statement to him, and furnished the commission with the tape.

- On Nov. 23, the day after the assassination, the Dallas police were rounding up many witnesses, getting them to sign affidavits while the events were still clear in their minds.

One was Seymour Weitzman, a Dallas policeman, who was one of two searchers to discover the rifle in the building from which the shots were fired. He swore under oath:

"This rifle was a 7.65 Mauser bolt-action, equipped with a scope, a thick black leather sling on it."

The Mauser seems to have been erased mysteriously from the case. The assassination weapon is now officially an Italian Carcano of another caliber. Lee Harvey Oswald owned a Carcano.



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- On Nov. 23, a cab driver named William Wayne Whaley signed an affidavit saying he had picked up a fare "who I now know to be Lee Harvey Oswald" a few minutes after the assassination, and drove him a short distance—95 cents on the meter.

Yet on Nov. 24, District Attorney Henry Wade of Dallas county held a press conference in which he told reporters:

" . . . He asked the bus driver to stop, got off at a stop, caught a taxicab driver, Darryl Click—I don't have the exact place—and went to his home in Oak Cliff, changed clothes hurriedly, and left."

William Wayne Whaley became Darryl Click, almost as casually and rapidly as the Mauser became a Carcano.