

## POLICE TELL STORY OF SWIFT CAPTURE

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Big Force on Dallas Parade Route  
Able to Move Fast

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Dallas, Nov. 23 - Police Chief Jesse E. Curry reconstructed today the swift steps that led to the apprehension of Lee H. Oswald.

Moments after the fatal shot was fired at President Kennedy at 12:30 pm yesterday, Chief Curry said, he radioed instructions that the Texas School Book Depository Building be surrounded and searched. Oswald, who worked in the building, has been charged with the assassination of the President.

The chief was riding in a car 40 feet ahead of the limousine carrying Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and Gov. and Mrs. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas. The motorcade was on its way to the Trade Mart where the President was to have spoken at a lunch.

Chief Curry said he could tell from the sound of the three shots that they had come from the book company building, near downtown Dallas.

The department of 500 officers from his 1,10 (sic)-man force along the route made fast action possible in the manhunt, he said.

The first officer to reach the six-story building, Lieut. Curry said, found Oswald among other persons in a lunchroom. He said the building manager identified Oswald as an employe of the book-distribution concern that used the building. Oswald was not questioned then.

When the main force of investigating officers reach the building Oswald had left.

He became a suspect after the police had found on the sixth floor the rifle they believed was the assassination weapon.

An elevator operator, the chief said, recalled having taken Oswald to the top floor before the motorcade passed by.

Soon after a description had been broadcast, Patrolman J.D. Tippitt saw a man who seemed to answer it. The man was on a sidewalk in suburban Oak Cliff, about two miles from the textbook depository building.

When Mr. Tippitt got out of the car to question the suspect he was shot and killed with a revolver, Mr. Curry said. A citizen used the squad car radio to report this at 1:18 P.M., about 50 minutes after the President was shot. Policemen then converged on the area.

The killer of Patrolman Tippitt fled on foot, witnesses said. A police search of surrounding buildings yielded nothing. Then a call from Julie Postal, cashier of the Texas Theater six blocks from (where) the patrolman was slain, reported that an agitated man had entered the movie house.

Chief Curry said six officers searched the theater and found Oswald on the main floor in the third row from the back.

When Patrolman M.N. McDonald approached him, he sprang up, the police reported, and shouted:

"This is it!"

He reached for a revolver in his shirt, but was disarmed after a scuffle.

In the scuffle, Oswald received a black eye and a cut on his forehead.

He pulled the trigger before the gun was wrested from him, but the gun did not fire. The arrest came about 90 minutes after the assassination.

#### Accused of Murder

At police headquarters, Oswald was questioned for five hours, then arraigned in the murder of Patrolman Tippitt at 7:15.

The interrogation, directed by Capt. Will Fritz, head of the Dallas Homicide Bureau, continued until midnight. At 1:30 A.M. today Oswald was arraigned on charges of murdering the President. He denied both charges. The questioning of Oswald was resumed this morning.

The police sent the confiscated revolver and the Italian-made military rifle found in the book depository building to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime laboratory in Washington.

Fingerprints and other evidence also were flown there late yesterday, Chief Curry said.

In the search of the book company's building, the police found the rifle hidden among stacks of books and boxes.

The police also found three shells and an unspent bullet, a soft-drink bottle, an empty cigarette package, a piece of partly-eaten fried chicken, and a sack with chicken bones.

Chief Curry said a palm print on a cardboard box at the window checked with prints of Oswald's palm taken later at police headquarters.

The manhunt and investigation were aided from the beginning, he said, by the F.B.I. and state highway patrolmen and Dallas County sheriff's officers.

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