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EVANSVILLE, IND., NOV. 24 (AP) -- ENTERTAINER BILL DEMAR OF EVANSVILLE, IND., TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY TELEPHONE TODAY HE WAS POSITIVE LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS A PATRON ABOUT NINE DAYS AGO IN THE DALLAS NIGHT CLUB OF JACK RUBY.

RUBY WAS SEIZED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL WOUNDING OF OSWALD, WHO WAS ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

DEMAR, BILL CROWE IN PRIVATE LIFE, HAD COMPLETED TWO WEEKS OF A FIVE-WEEK ENGAGEMENT AT RUBY'S CAROUSEL CLUB WHEN IT WAS CLOSED INDEFINITELY FRIDAY.

"I HAVE A MEMORY ACT," THE MAGICIAN-VENTRILOQUIST SAID, "IN WHICH I HAVE 20 CUSTOMERS CALL OUT VARIOUS OBJECTS IN RAPID ORDER. THEN I TELL THEM AT RANDOM WHAT THEY CALLED OUT. I AM POSITIVE OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE MEN THAT CALLED OUT AN OBJECT ABOUT NINE DAYS AGO."

"IT'S ALL A STRANGE COINCIDENCE, " DEMAR SAID. "I ENTERTAINED AT A PARTY AT KENNEDY'S INAUGURATION, I HAD CONTACT WITH THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIM, AND I WORKED FOR THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING THE KILLER."

DEMAR DESCRIBED RUBY AS *A LITTLE ODD* AND *TREMENDOUSLY
PATRIOTIC* IN AN EARLIER CALL TODAY TO AN OLD FRIEND IN EVANSVILLE.

DAVE HOY SAID CROWE TOLD HIM RUBY WAS "RATHER A QUIET GUY, BUT NICE. HE WAS INTENSELY PATRIOTIC HE SEEMED UPSET WHEN KENNEDY WAS KILLED, BUT NOT MORE THAN OTHER PEOPLE. I'M SURPRISED AT THIS."

"HE WAS A LITTLE ODD," THE VENTRILOQUIST ADDED, "BUT HE WAS FINE AS LONG AS YOU STAYED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIM."

CROWE AND HOY ATTENDED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S INAUGURAL AS GUESTS OF REP. KENNETH J. GRAY, D-ILL., DOING A MAGIC ACT TOGETHER AT A PARTY GRAY GAVE.

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