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DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 7 (AP)-THE OWNER OF A PUBLIC GUN RANGE SAID TODAY THE FBI HAD TAKEN POUNDS OF EMPTY SHELLS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD PRACTICED SHOOTING THERE AS RECENTLY AS FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

FLOYD DAVIS, OWNER OF THE SPORTSDROME GUN RANGE NEAR GRAND PRAIRIE, SAID NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE, VIRGINIA, HAD EVER SEEN OSWALD AT THE RANGE.

"BUT THERE WERE THREE DIFFERENT PEOPLE HERE AT THREE DIFFERENT TIMES WHO TOLD US ABOUT SEEING OSWALD," DAVIS SAID.

ASKED HOW ANYONE COULD USE THE RANGE WITHOUT DAVIS' KNOWLEDGE, THE OWNER LED A REPORTER TO THE FENCED-IN AREA OF SHOOTING STANDS AND INDICATED THE END OF A FENCE WHICH PERMITTED ENTRY.

"ALSO, WE JUST OPENED OCT. 26 AND THINGS WERE FAIRLY DISORGANIZED. ONE OF THE DAYS A WITNESS SAID HE SAW OSWALD, I WAS CONDUCTING A TURKEY SHOOT AND WE HAD MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE AROUND HERE," DAVIS SAID.

DAVIS SAID HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THREE DIFFERENT PERSONS: A DOCTOR'S SON, WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT KNOW; A MAN NAMED SLACK, AND A MAN NAMED HOWARD PRICE.

PRICE, A MACHINIST AND GUN EXPERT, SAID, "I CANNOT TELL YOU A THING. IF THE FBI SAYS IT IS OKAY FOR ME TO TALK, WHY THEN I'D BE GLAD TO TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW. BUT UP TO THEN IT IS STRICTLY CLASSIFIED."

DAVIS GAVE THIS RUNDOWN ON THE STORIES RELATING TO OSWALD BEING AT THE GUN RANGE:

ON NOV. 9 OR 10, HE WAS NOTICED BY THE DOCTOR'S SON WHO REMARKED UPON THE WEAPON AND ITS GUNSIGHT. THE DOCTOR'S SON RECALLED AFTER THE NOV. 22 ASSASSINATION THAT HE HAD SEEN SUCH A WEAPON AS THAT FOUND IN THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY, FROM WHERE THE FATAL SHOTS WERE FIRED.

PRICE, DAVIS SAID WAS AT THE RANGE EITHER NOV. 9 OR 10, AND REMEMBERS HELPING A FELLOW SIX THE GUNSIGHT ON A 6.5 MM WEAPON, THE SAME TYPE WHICH AUTHORITIES LATER SAID WAS USED IN THE ASSASSINATION. PRICE SAYS HE WAS FASCINATED BY THE GUN. ACCORDING TO DAVIS, PRICE SAID THE MAN WHO HAD IT WAS OSWALD.

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SLACK REPORTEDLY WAS AT THE RANGE NOV. 17 AND TOLD DAVIS ABOUT A FELLOW WHO WAS SHOOTING RAPID FIRE AT A TARGET 100 YARDS DISTANT. THIS WAS INTERESTING TO SLACK, BECAUSE ON SUCH RANGES MARKSMEN RARELY DO RAPID FIRE.

SLACK, ACCORDING TO DAVIS, SAID SOMEONE HAD HANDED A RIFLE WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER OVER THE FENCE.

"THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING FOLKS WOULD NOTICE," DAVIS SAID. "YOU JUST DON'T SEE ANYONE AROUND HERE WITH A RIFLE WRAPPED THAT WAY."

HOWEVER, DAVIS KNEW OF NO ONE ELSE WHO HAD NOTED THE PACKAGE.

UNEXPLAINED BY ANYONE IS HOW OSWALD COULD HAVE COME TO THE RANGE ALONE. IT IS ON THE OURSKIRTS OF DALLAS AND ANYONE WALKING TO IT WOULD ESPECIALLY BE NOTICED. SINCE OSWALD REPORTEDLY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO DRIVE, THE THEORY IS THAT HE HAD TO HAVE COME BY CAR OR BY SOME COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION. IF SO, WHO BROUGHT HIM?

ASKED ABOUT THE DAVIS REPORT, THE FBI OFFICE IN DALLAS REFUSED TO COMMENT.

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THE EMPTY CARTRIDGES WOULD BE VALUABLE TO THE FBI BECAUSE THE FIRING MECHANISM OF A GUN HAS UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS AND WILL LEAVE THE IDENTICAL IMPRESSION ON EACH SHELL FIRED. LIKE THE MARKS LEFT BY THE BARREL ON A BULLET, NO TWO WEAPONS CAN MAKE EXACTLY IDENTICAL MARKS. THE SHELL AND BULLET MARKS ARE LIKE FINGERPRINTS, IN THAT SENSE...

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