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OSWALD'S IDENTIFIER ALSO SHOT

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DALLAS, Feb. 22 -- One of the men who put the finger on accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald after President Kennedy was killed also has been shot.

And the girl friend of a local resident who was questioned about this second shooting turned out to have been a stripper in the Dallas nightspot owned by Jack Ruby, on trial now for killing Oswald.

Adding to this incredible skein of circumstances that came to light today is the revelation that the stripper has committed suicide.

These facts, pieced together today -- exactly three months after President Kennedy was killed -- provide a strange epilogue showing that the spin of violence continues to persist around figures involved in the assassination, one way or another.

Call it a series of coincidences, if you will. But here they are:

Last month a Dallas used-car dealer named Warren Reynolds was shot in the head. The shooting is not necessarily front page news here, particularly if the victim lives.

There were 113 murders in here last year. At one time, not long ago District Attorney Wade had five men in the death house, awaiting their turn in the chair.

THIS IS DIFFERENT

But the shooting of Warren Reynolds was different.

The Reynolds Motor Co. is close to the spot where Officer J.D. Tippit was stopped Oswald as he hurried away from the scene of the assassination. Oswald reportedly shot the officer three times and killed him.

The sound of shooting brought Reynolds out of his office. He told police that he saw Oswald running away, putting new shells into a pistol as he did. He later joined with others in identifying him as the man.

Last month Reynolds was locking up his office for the night and had pushed two of the 30 buttons which doused the lights of the establishment

when a man rose and shot him in the temple with a .22 calibre rifle.

Mr. Reynolds has made a remarkable recovery after doctors had feared permanent loss of speech.

#### SUSPECT CLEARED

A local desperado named Garner was picked up by the police after the Reynolds shooting but was cleared. His girl, Betty (Mooney) McDonald, took a lie detector test that helped spring Garner. Two weeks ago she was arrested for engaging in a public brawl with her roommate. Last week she hanged herself in her cell.

Betty never won any beauty contests, but she always said she had a claim to fame.

She had worked as a stripper at a place called the Carousel.

Jack Ruby's eCarousel.

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~~see Warren Comm., July 24, SFChronicle~~