

He Claims Kennedy Death Rifle

Denver

A Denver area oilman and gun collector, claiming to be the lawful owner of the 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle identified as the weapon with which President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, filed suit yesterday in U.S. District Court to get the gun from the Justice Department.

John J. King, of Englewood, Colo., alleges in the suit that he purchased the rifle, along with a .38-caliber pistol used to slay Dallas patrolman J. D. Tippit, from the estate of Lee Harvey Oswald last New Year's Eve.

King said sale negotiations were carried out through an unidentified agent in Dallas, Tex., "in order to keep my name out of it as long as possible."

He said the weapons, valued in the lawsuit at more than \$10,000, were purchased strictly for his private collection and were not intended to be put on public exhibit.

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