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CHICAGO, NOV. 24 (AP)-JACK RUBY, UNDER ARREST FOR THE DALLAS SLAYING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS DESCRIBED TODAY AS A SUAVE, SECRETIVE MAN WHO KEPT A GUN TO PROTECT HIMSELF AGAINST "WILD CHARACTERS."

THE DESCRIPTION OF RUBY WAS TOLD BY DAVID BYRON, 54, WHO TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HE GREW UP WITH RUBY IN THE SAME NORTHWEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD.

RUBY HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE SLAYING OF OSWALD, ALLEGED ASSASSINS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

BYRON SAID HE VISITED RUBY, BORN RUBINSTEIN, SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE YEARS IN DALLAS AFTER RUBY MOVED FROM CHICAGO.

ALTHOUGH RUBY HUNG AROUND POOL HALLS, SAID BYRON, "RUBY NEVER DRANK, SMOKED OR SHOT POOL.

"HE NEVER MARRIED EITHER, BUT HE WAS A GREAT LADIES' MAN.

"HE WAS VERY SOFT SPOKEN, BUT HE WAS ALSO VERY STRONG AND IF HE GOT ANGRY HE COULD KNOCK YOU FOR A ROW OF PINS."

BYRON SAID HE LAST SAW RUBY TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO AND THAT RUBY WAS VERY SECRETIVE.

"WHEN I SAW HIM IN DALLAS HE TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE CALLED 'SPARKY' (RUBY'S CHICAGO NICKNAME)."

"DON'T TELL ANYBODY IN DALLAS THAT I'M FROM CHICAGO AND DON'T TELL ANYBODY IN CHICAGO I'M IN DALLAS," MYRON SAID RUBY TOLD HIM.

BYRON SAID HE AND RUBY LIVED IN THE SAME ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT SPAWNED THE LATE MOVIE PRODUCER MIKE TODD AND COMEDIAN JACK E. LEONARD.

"BUT HE WAS REAL INTROVERTED. HE NEVER HAD ANY REAL CLOSE FRIENDS. HE CAME FROM A BIG FAMILY. I THINK THERE WERE ABOUT EIGHT KIDS, BUT I NEVER KNEW ANY OF THEM."

HE DESCRIBED RUBY AS AN INTENSE PATRIOT.

"HE IDOLIZED FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AND HIS PROBABLY DID THE SAME WITH KENNEDY. HE WAS PRETTY MUCH PRO-AMERICAN."

ON ONE VISIT TO RUBY'S NIGHT CLUB OFFICE, HE NOTICED THAT RUBY KEPT A PISTOL THERE. WHEN BYRON REMARKED ON IT, RUBY TOLD HIM KEPT IT BECAUSE "THERE WERE A LOT OF WILD CHARACTERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD."

BYRON SAT BACK IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS APARTMENT AND SAID THE SLAYING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND OF OSWALD HAD LEFT HIM "VERY SHAKEN."

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SPEAKING OF RUBY, HE MUSED, "HE WAS A NICE KID." HE LOOKED AGAIN AT A NEWSPAPER LYING ON HIS LAP.

"HE SURE FOOLED EVERYBODY."

BYRON IS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS MANUFACTURING BUSINESS.

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CHICAGO, NOV. 24 (AP)-A CHICAGOAN SAID TODAY THAT HE GREW UP WITH JACK RUBY, AND DESCRIBED THE ALLEGED SLAYER AS A "QUIET, INTROVERTED MAN" WHO KEPT HIS OWN COUNSEL AND HAD A VIOLENT TEMPER.

DAVID BYRON, 54, SAID RUBY, BORN RUBENSTEIN ON CHICAGO'S NORTHWEST SIDE, REPEATEDLY ASKED HIM NOT TO LET ANYONE IN CHICAGO KNOW HE WAS IN DALLAS.

AS A BOYHOOD FRIEND, BYRON SAID HE LOOKED RUBY UP ON SEVERAL TRIPS TO TEXAS.

"HE WAS SO SECRETIVE, HE DIDN'T EVEN LET ME KNOW HIS SISTER WAS IN DALLAS WITH HIM," BYRON SAID. HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY RUBESTEIN RELATIVES STILL IN CHICAGO.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT RUBEINSTEIN LEFT TOWN ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO.

"I CAN'T IMAGINE HIM DOING A THING LIKE THIS," BYRON SAID IN REGARD TO THE SHOOTING TODAY OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN DALLAS. OSWALD HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

"BUT HE WAS EXTREMELY PRO-KENNEDY," BYRON ADDED.

BYRON SAID HE KNEW RUBY OFF-AND-ON FOR 30 TO 35 YEARS.

HE SAID THE RUBY HE KNEW WAS A BACHELOR, ALWAYS QUIET AND WELL DRESSED.

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