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FIRST LEAD RUBY (270)

DALLAS, APRIL 26 (AP)-CONDEMNED SLAYER JACK RUBY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS JAILER'S MOMENTARY ABSENCE EARLY TODAY TO RAM HIS HEAD INTO THE WALL OF HIS CELL IN WHAT SHERIFF BILL DECKER CALLED "A DELIBERATE ACT."

"APPARENTLY HE SUFFERED ONLY A KNOB ON HIS HEAD," THE SHERIFF SAID.

THE CONVICTED SLAYER OF ^{accused} PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS RUSHED UNDER HEAVY GUARD TO A DALLAS HOSPITAL FOR A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BUT DECKER SAID THAT X-RAYS OF HIS HEAD REVEALED NO INJURY.

BUT WHEN HE WAS RETURNED TO HIS CELL, RUBY ATTEMPTED TO RIP HIS CLOTHING INTO STRIPS, DECKER SAID. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE THE FEW FURNISHING WERE REMOVED FROM RUBY'S CELL, LEAVING HIM ONLY A MATTRESS.

THE SHERIFF GAVE NEWSMEN HIS ACCOUNT:

RUBY HAD REFUSED TO GO TO BED AND HAD BEEN TALKING WITH ONE OF THE GUARDS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO WATCH HIM ON A ROUND-THE-CLOCK BASIS.

ABOUT 1 A.M. RUBY ASKED THE GUARD FOR A DRINK OF WATER. JUST AS THE JAILER STARTED TO LEAVE THE CELL, RUBY LOWERED HIS HEAD, TOOK SEVERAL FAST STEPS AND RAMMED HIS HEAD AGAINST THE CELL WALL. THE GUARD, WHO STEPPED BACK INTO THE CELL QUICKLY AND RESTRAINED HIM, SAID RUBY DID NOT LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

THE JAIL DOCTOR WAS CALLED IMMEDIATELY. HE FOUND AN ABRASION ON THE SCALP, BUT NO CUT.

LATER TODAY RUBY WAS VISITED IN HIS CELL BY DR. LOUIS JOLYON WEST OF THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. A PSYCHIATRIST RECENTLY ENGAGED BY THE DEFENSE COUNSEL. DR. WEST DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS FINDINGS TO NEWSMEN.

~~A HEARING IS SCHEDULED XX SIXTH GRAF (A106DN-A111DN)~~

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DALLAS, APRIL 26 (AP)-CONDEMNED SLAYER JACK RUBY TODAY WAS FOUND BEATING HIS HEAD AGAINST THE SIDE OF HIS CELL IN WHAT SHERIFF BILL DECKER SAID WAS A "SUICIDE ATTEMPT."

A GUARD RESTRAINED RUBY, WHO WAS TAKEN UNDER HEAVY GUARD TO A DALLAS HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION, DECKER SAID.

"APPARENTLY HE SUFFERED ONLY A KNOT ON HIS HEAD," DECKER SAID. THE SHERIFF SAID THAT X-RAYS AT THE HOSPITAL DID NOT REVEAL ANY DAMAGE.

DECKER SAID THAT AFTER RUBY, UNDER THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR THE NOV. 24 SLAYING OF ACCUSED PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS RETURNED TO HIS CELL IN THE COUNTY JAIL HE WAS VISITED BY A PSYCHIATRIST.

DECKER IDENTIFIED THE PSYCHIATRIST AS DR. JULIAN WEST OF OKLAHOMA CITY.

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DALLAS--FIRST ADD RUBY (A106DN) XXX THE PSYCHIATRIST.

THE SHERIFF SAID THE INCIDENT OCCURRED THIS MORNING.

A HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW MORNING IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JUDGE JOE B. BROWN ON A DEFENSE MOTION ASKING THAT THE 53-YEAR-OLD FORMER DALLAS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR BE TRANSFERED TO A HOSPITAL FOR MORE MENTAL TESTS.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARE ASKING THAT RUBY BE MOVED TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL HERE OR TO JOHN SEALY HOSPITAL IN GALVESTON.

RUBY WAS ASSESSED THE DEATH PENALTY BY A DISTRICT COURT JURY HERE MARCH 14 AFTER IT FOUND HIM GUILTY OF MURDER WITH MALICE IN THE SLAYING OF OSWALD.

OSWALD WAS SHOT TO DEATH BEFORE A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE AS HE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY TO THE COUNTY JAIL TWO DAYS AFTER HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT.

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