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Dallas, Tex., July 23 (AP)- A minor mystery has developed over a newspaper which investigators reported finding in Jack Ruby's car, a defense lawyer said yesterday.

A newspaper, the Wall Street Journal, was addressed to J.E. Bradshaw, a Dallas business executive.

Ruby, during an FBI polygraph test, was asked if he had bought the Journal on Nov. 16, and he replied he did not. The Journal did not publish that date. There was no explanation of the use of the date by the polygraph operators.

Although prosecutors say they know of nothing to link the newspaper with the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, FBI agents and a representative of the Warren commission have expressed an interest in it.

"Jack tells me he is mystified," defense attorney Joe Tonahill said. "He says he never read the Wall Street Journal, had not seen a copy of the Nov. 16 issue, and doesn't have any idea what it was doing in his car."

FBI agents asked about the newspaper when they gave Ruby a lie detector test in the county jail Saturday.

J.E. Bradshaw, vice president of Southwestern Drug Corp., a major wholesale company, said the newspaper was his.

Bradshaw said he could not explain how the newspaper got into Ruby's automobile. He said he was on vacation in Arizona at the time. Bradshaw said he did not know Ruby.

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