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A Life Term Offer to Ruby

DALLAS—(AP)— District Attorney Henry Wade revealed today he is willing to recommend that Jack Ruby's death sentence be reduced to life imprisonment.

Ruby was sentenced to death for slaying Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. His case is on appeal.

Wade said he has offered to reduce the sentence twice but Ruby's lawyers have not accepted the proposals.

"One of their attorneys—Mr. Sol Dann of Detroit—wants to hold out for a five-year sentence," said Wade.

"We do not feel this would be a proper punishment,"

Wade said. "The punishment should be at least life imprisonment."

Under Texas law, a person sentenced to life in prison can be freed in as few as seven years. The prisoner is permitted to apply for parole under any circumstance after he has served 15 years, and this can be reduced by several means, including good conduct, blood donations, and work as a trusty.

Dann, in Detroit, declined comment on Wade's offer but maintained that Ruby's offense is no more than murder without malice which would call for a maximum five-year sentence.