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Dallas, Tex., Feb. 17 (AP)- Police Chief Jesse Curry, who once said "the worst thing that ever happend to us was Jack Ruby," announced his resignation Thursday.

Curry, 52, said he was quitting because "the continued pressures and tensions of the office have caused my blood pressure to be affected."

Five hours after Curry's resignation was made public, city manager Elgin Crull said Charles Batchelor, assistant chief, had been named acting chief. When Curry's resignation is final, Crull said Batchelor would become chief.

Curry was at the helm of the police investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

He had accompanied the presidential motorcade up to the time of the shooting.

Under Curry's direction, the 1,100 man police force apprehended Lee Harvey Oswald only 90 minutes after the assassination. ~~He was~~ ~~then~~ ~~Jack~~ ~~Ruby~~ ~~who~~ ~~was~~ ~~carried~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ ~~hall~~ ~~basement~~ ~~and~~ ~~killed~~ ~~Oswald~~, the assassin, during Jack Ruby darted

a routine jail transfer.

Curry told a newsman a year later:

"I wake up every now and then at 2 and 3 in the morning thinking about Kennedy, Oswald and Ruby and can't go back to sleep."

A native of Hamilton, Curry joined the Dallas police force as a rookie patrolman in 1936 at \$89 a month. His current salary is \$17,000 a year.

His resignation, made to Crull, is effective March 10. But Friday is his last day of active duty. Unused vacation time will fill up the difference.

Curry became the Dallas chief on Jan. 20, 1960, after seven years as assistant chief.

He indicated he might go into some other line of work but it was not specified.

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