

# Ruby Was in a Position to Shoot Oswald on Friday Night

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DALLAS—Jack Ruby, 33, Dallas nightclub operator who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald Sunday, was close enough to Oswald to have done the same thing in Police Headquarters Friday night.

Denver Post photographer Floyd Teter can testify to that. Official security in Dallas had already been questioned as a result of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy Friday.

"But the President was slain as he rook along a downtown street beside a tall building in an open limousine, as presidents have done for years in every major city in the United States."

Oswald, heavily guarded since his arrest Friday, was shot down Sunday in the basement of Police Headquarters as he walked through a garage area from an elevator to an armored car that was to haul him to Dallas County Jail to await trial.

Newspapermen recalled then that Sunday was not the first time Ruby had bent security regulations. Ruby's name in Jack Leon Rubenstein but he was known as Jack Ruby.

He has frequented police hallways since Oswald's arrest—hallways supposedly off limits to all but law enforcement officers, witnesses and the press.

On Friday night Dallas police held an unusual press conference in a basement squad room. At the request of photographers, Oswald was brought down from jail and displayed to the press.

Ruby was there then. He stood with reporters and photographers as though he were one of them. Before Oswald appeared Friday night, Ruby spoke to Teter, standing on a table next to him.

"Do you think this (Kennedy's assassination) will hurt Dallas?" he asked.

"Sure it will for a while," Teter replied.

Ruby then handed The Post photographer a business card

advertising girls shows at his downtown strip tease club, the Caravel.

"This will explain why I'm interested in whether it (the assassination) will hurt business here," Ruby said.

When Oswald was led into the room by detectives, the prisoner stood about 15 feet from Ruby. No one knows whether Ruby was armed then.

Ruby knew top police officers. He named some of them for Teter and wrote out several names for another photographer.

Teter put Ruby's business card in his pocket and forgot it until he was told the name of the man arrested for the shooting of Oswald Sunday.

Ruby apparently had been admitted to the Police Building without question because police knew him. He reportedly was there again Saturday.

On Sunday, just before Oswald was brought down from City Jail to be transported to County Jail, Ruby apparently slipped into a large basement room from an outside entrance.

Police officials said the room and the surrounding area had been searched twice earlier.

Police Sgt. P. T. Dean, who knows Ruby, said the night club operator evidently walked into the building from the north auto ramp, the ramp opposite one that was to have been used by the armored car.

Dean said Ruby apparently "concealed himself as much as he could as a reporter."

Police officers may well have seen him and recognized him—but they probably had seen him a dozen times earlier outside the door of the homicide bureau.

Police Chief J. E. Curry refused late Sunday to discuss security aspects of the Oswald shooting.

Curry called a short press conference in which he announced that Oswald was dead of a bullet wound, and that Ruby had been booked for murder.

Reporters asked the chief whether he thought the Police Department was to blame for the security breakdown that allowed Oswald to be shot.

"I have nothing more to say," the chief said.



THIS WAS THE DRAMATIC MOMENT JACK RUBY RAN FORWARD WITH REVOLVER. An instant later he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy.

JACK RUBY, RIGHT, RUSHES FORWARD AND FIRES POINT BLANK AT LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The accused assassin of President Kennedy begins to collapse as the bullet hits him in the abdomen.

## Federal Judge Menaced

DALLAS—(UPI)—Pollen Sunday reported a telephone threat against the life of the federal judge, who swore in President Lyndon B. Johnson. Several other prominent Dallas persons also were threatened.

The threats apparently came from cranks who delight in harassing police and others in time of crisis or tragedy.

One threat was made against the life of Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who swore in Lyndon B. Johnson as President shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

# Ruby's Rush of Oswald Apparently Unseen by Police

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DALLAS—Policemen present at the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald apparently did not see Jack Ruby until the muzzle of the revolver was near Oswald.

Detective B. H. Combs said Oswald slumped down, moaning, partly supported by the handcuffs linking him with the escorting officer. Oswald's eyes were open but he apparently said nothing.

Adding to the national shock of the Oswald slaying was live coverage of the killing by network television cameras which had been set up in the basement area to cover the jail transfer.

Police Sgt. P. T. Dean, who also knows Ruby, heard the shot

but could not see the gun because of the crowd. Dean said Ruby told him, "The main reason I did this was out of sentiment (or sympathy) for Jacqueline Kennedy and for the officer who was shot."

That man was Dallas Patrolman J. D. Tippit, who was slain Friday after the presidential assassination when he stopped Oswald for questioning.

Dallas Attorney Tom Howard described Ruby as "a very emotional man." Howard said it is highly possible that Ruby was "out of his mind."

He and other acquaintances said, however, that they have no knowledge that Ruby was ever treated for mental illness.

Howard said he tried to advise Ruby of his legal rights "but

I'm not sure he understood what I was saying," Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, said in a disposition of the charges in only one case—that of the liquor violation. The charge was dismissed.

Although it is not shown on the Dallas police record, a local attorney told The Denver Post late Sunday he had defended Ruby in a simple assault case several months ago. The charge arose from a scuffle Ruby had with another man in the Adolph Hotel in Dallas, the attorney said, and the charge was dismissed.

**USUAL PROCEDURE**

The scheduled transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald from City Jail to County Jail is the usual procedure in felony cases.

Police Chief J. E. Curry had announced Saturday night to the press that the move probably would be made about 10 a.m. Sunday.

Actually the transfer did not start until after 11 a.m. A large crowd had gathered outside the Dallas County Jail—just a few yards from the spot where President Kennedy was shot—and Ruby apparently knew both the proposed time and method of the transfer.

Police had taken the precaution of calling for an armored car to carry the prisoner between jails, though Oswald never reached the vehicle.

After the shooting, an ambulance arrived in about five minutes and carried Oswald to Parkland Hospital.

Reporters noted that Oswald

in Chicago, Milton P. Klein, president of Klein's Sporting Goods, confirmed that his firm sold the rifle.

Klein said a copy of the sales slip showed the rifle was purchased from the mail order firm and shipped to Dallas in March 1963.

The Italian-made bolt action 6.5 mm rifle, with telescopic sight, was sold for \$19.95, Klein said.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade disclosed Sunday night that an Oswald palm print had been found on the rifle used in the slaying and also on a box in the sixth floor room of the Dallas building from which the shots at the presidential motorcade were fired.

Earlier the mail order purchase of the rifle had been pinned on Oswald by handwriting comparisons in the laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

## Didn't Interview Oswald—FBI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation denied a published report Monday that agents had interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, prior to Friday's assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that FBI agents had interviewed Oswald as a suspected subversive since his arrival in Dallas a few weeks ago. According to the newspaper, the bureau had not notified the U.S. Secret Service or other law enforcement agencies of Oswald's presence.

Gordon Shanklin, FBI agent

## Attempt to Save Oswald A Nightmarish Rerun

DALLAS, Texas—(AP)—No night club operator Sunday as he was being switched to a new jail.

Four of the team of doctors waiting so desperately had been on the team that worked in vain on the President.

M. T. Jenkins, Ronald Jones, Jack Ruby's bullet, fired at point-blank range, had smashed through the left chest, through the lung and diaphragm, nicked the spleen, tore through the aorta and hit the liver and kidney.

The doctors opened his chest, then like a relay team, took turns in attempting to match nature, massaging the heart.

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bullet. "We knew we had a slim, a very slim chance to save him," said Dr. Robert McClelland.

It seemed a nightmarish rerun of a desperate race against an ebbing life. Only Friday, two days earlier, it had been the President in a stark emergency room 10 feet down the hall.

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OSWALD CLENCHES HIS FIST AFTER SHOOTING. He never regained consciousness, doctors said.

# Dallas Authorities Don't Think That Ruby, Oswald Acquainted

DALLAS—A rumor that Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, and Jack Ruby, 33, knew each other spread through downtown Dallas Sunday night, but responsible officials denied it.

Ruby, a nightclub operator said to have been grieving over President John F. Kennedy's death, is charged with the slaying Sunday of Oswald, who was earlier charged with assassinating Kennedy.

A former employee of Ruby—a man who performed a memory act—said Sunday in Indiana he remembered seeing Oswald in Ruby's club recently.

Ruby's attorney, Tom Her-

ard, said he is convinced that the two men were not acquainted. Howard said a memory expert's statement appeared to him to be an attempt to get publicity.

Ruby's sister, Eva Grant of Dallas, told reporters she was sure her brother did not know Oswald.

Homicide Capt. Will Fritz of the Dallas police said he had no evidence the two men knew each other. Fritz is convinced that the shooting was the work of Oswald.

The rumor linking Oswald and Ruby was included in the sometimes wild speculation surrounding the presidential assassination.

In Dallas, where extreme right-wing views appear to be strong, there has been speculation that a Communist plot was behind the President's murder.

The people who are discussing this possibility cite Oswald's defection to Russia, where the ex-Marine lived from 1960 to 1962, and his apparent activity in circulating literature of the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans.

A national spokesman for the Committee denied knowledge of Oswald and said the group had no chapter in New Orleans.

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