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Detective B. S. CLARDY, Auto Theft Bureau, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 24, 1963, CLARDY was on duty in the Auto Theft Bureau. Lieutenant SMART, of the Auto Theft Bureau, advised him not to leave City Hall, as he was to be available when the prisoner, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was escorted from the City Jail.

At about 10:00 AM, Lieutenant SMART advised CLARDY and other detectives in the Auto Theft Bureau to report to the City Jail Office. It is CLARDY's recollection that, upon arrival at the jail office, Lieutenant SMART directed him to take up a position near the southwest corner of the hall leading into the driveway. About two minutes before the prisoner was brought down from the jail, CLARDY looked around over the crowd of press men and photographers and, at this time, he did not see JACK RUBY or anyone resembling JACK RUBY. CLARDY has known JACK RUBY for the past eight or ten years and believes he would have recognized him had he been among the crowd.

As word was relayed that subject OSWALD was being brought down the elevator to the City Jail Office, CLARDY was watching the driveway to the basement and the driveway to Commerce Street, where the armored car was located. As he was looking in this direction, he saw a fast blur out of the corner of his eye and before he could turn around he heard a shot. As he attempted to turn around, he partly lost his footing and was thereafter immediately bumped from both sides by people pressing forward to see what had happened. When he regained his balance, JACK RUBY was pinned under a pile of officers, who had been immediately adjacent to him at the time the shot was fired. CLARDY helped to keep the press back until the prisoner, OSWALD, and JACK RUBY were taken into the jail office. Thereafter, he went into the jail office and at that time Detective J. C. WATSON was at the door keeping other people from entering. Detectives McMILLION, ARCHER, BLACKIE HARRISON, Lieutenant SMART, and other officers were holding JACK RUBY on the floor. CLARDY took McMILLION's gun and placed McMILLION's gun and CLARDY's in a locker. Then McMILLION, HARRISON, and CLARDY took RUBY directly to the 5th floor, where they searched his clothing, removed the handcuffs from him, and stripped searched RUBY and his clothing. CLARDY stayed with JACK RUBY until the arrival of officers

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from the Homicide Bureau.

CLARDY recalled that after they had taken RUBY to the 5th floor he asked RUBY why he had shot OSWALD and RUBY said, in effect, "Somebody had to do it. You all couldn't do it."

CLARDY advised that, although he has known JACK RUBY for the past eight or ten years, he has had only occasional contact with him; however, he has observed him on numerous occasions in the City Hall, either in the basement or the first floor. On these occasions, he would be talking to various police officers and other individuals.

CLARDY advised he could furnish no additional information.

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