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Sheriff J. E. (BILL) DECKER, Dallas Sheriff's Office, advised to his knowledge there is no State law governing transferring of prisoners from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail. Sheriff DECKER states established procedure is as follows:

When charges filed with court of jurisdiction, upon issuance of a warrant to proper authority, prisoner then becomes subject to transfer to the County Jail within a reasonable time.

The Constables of all justice courts in which all felony cases originate, upon issuance of a warrant to them, may transfer prisoners from the City Jail to the County Jail. If warrant issued by the Justice of the Peace within the County, the Sheriff or appropriate Constable could serve process and remove prisoner from the City Jail to the County Jail. Dallas Police Department can also remove prisoners from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail.

Sheriff DECKER stated with regard to his knowledge of planned removal of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by the Dallas Police Department from the City Jail to the Dallas County Jail, that all during the day of November 23, 1963, he had heard rumors from news media that OSWALD was to be removed November 23rd. Someone called from the Dallas Police Department on November 23, 1963, maybe Captain J. W. FRITZ, and indicated questioning of OSWALD was not quite completed, but removal might be that day. DECKER stated he told him that he would make necessary security check of a cell for OSWALD. About 6:00 PM, November 23, DECKER heard from some source that the time of removal for OSWALD had been set for 10:00 AM, November 24, 1963. DECKER stated he had his office confirm from the Dallas Police Department that this was true. DECKER does not recall who confirmed this for him.

Sheriff DECKER stated on the morning of November 24, 1963, Chief JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, called and said he was going to use an armored truck to move OSWALD and wanted to know what DECKER thought about it. DECKER stated he told Chief CURRY that it would be up to CURRY to make decision on this. DECKER added the Dallas Sheriff's Office had no plans for participating in removal until OSWALD was delivered to the County Jail.

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