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Mr. STEVE GUTHRIE with offices at 820 Big Town, Mesquite, Texas, advised that his name was formerly S. W. GUTHRIE but he had legally changed his name some years ago to STEVE GUTHRIE. Mr. GUTHRIE furnished the following information:

He was elected sheriff of Dallas County in July, 1946, and was to go into office in January, 1947. He was an ex-policemen and had returned from the service a short time previous to his election. He served as sheriff of Dallas County in 1947 through 1948.

Shortly after his election in July, 1946, a man identified as PAUL ROLAND JONES, contacted him on a Dallas golf course and asked him how he would like to make some big money. He stated he told JONES he would be very interested. At that time, Dallas County was "wide open" with prostitution and gambling and other vices running full steam and there were an average of 2 or 3 murders a month which looked like murders by gangs. JONES told GUTHRIE that between them they could make approximately \$40,000 per month.

This contact by JONES was made since he was spokesman for the "syndicate" out of Chicago and the "yndicate" was planning to move into Dallas and take over the vices. There were approximately 25 "thugs" and hoodlums from Chicago in Dallas from time to time. GUTHRIE got in touch with Dallas Chief of Police HANSSON, GEORGE BUTLER, a detective of the Dallas Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety to see if they could make bribery cases on the "thugs" who had planned to take over vice in Dallas. With the assistance of these officers, they wired GUTHRIE's house for sound and made numerous recordings of conversations had in GUTHRIE's house with a number of hoodlums from Chicago. Included in the names was SONNY LABRIOLA and a LIPSKA. As a result of this investigation, a great number of records were made.

GUTHRIE said that JACK RUBY at that time was a "small time peanut" with this group who were going to bribe GUTHRIE. RUBY's name came up on numerous occasions, according to GUTHRIE, as being the person who would take over a very fabulous restaurant at Industrial and Commerce Streets in Dallas. The first floor of that building was to be a regular restaurant and the upper floor would be used for gambling. RUBY was to run this club. JACK RUBY never in person talked with GUTHRIE about this matter and, in fact, GUTHRIE and RUBY had no conversation during this investigation. However, according to GUTHRIE, RUBY's name constantly came up as being the person who would run the restaurant and GUTHRIE said if the records can still be heard, RUBY's name will be heard on numerous occasions. Texas Department of Public Safety has one set of these records and "Dug" NAYLOR, then a Texas Ranger, conducted a great deal of the investigation in that case.

As a result of the investigation, PAUL ROLAND JONES was sentenced to a term of 3 to 5 years, according to GUTHRIE's memory, and ROMEO JACK KNAPPI was indicted by the grand jury. KNAPPI was believed to be related to JACK NETTI, well known Chicago hoodlum; however, Dallas authorities were never able to get custody of KNAPPI.

GUTHRIE advised he has never heard a good thing about JACK RUBY to the best of his knowledge. He believes RUBY has operated some prostitution activities and other vices in his club since RUBY has been in Dallas.

GUTHRIE further informed he has heard and believes it is fairly well known around Dallas that either Mayor CABELL or City Manager CRULL ordered Chief of Police CURRY to "put on the show for TV" of transporting OSWALD from the City Jail to the County Jail. He said as a result of this, CABELL will not discharge CURRY since CURRY was acting under orders.

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