

adjacent to the assassination point, the park area where, during the past 24 hours, numerous floral wreaths have been laid by various Dallas citizens and organizations. . . .

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NBC-TV reels 22 and 24
Friday night, November 22, 1963

INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF OF POLICE CURRY,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY WADE, CAPTAIN FRITZ
BY THE PRESS, THIRD FLOOR, POLICE AND
COURTS BUILDING

CURRY. --the Dallas Police Department, Captain Fritz has been in charge.

Q. Has he confessed, sir? Has he made a statement?

CURRY. He has not confessed. He has made no statement. Charges of murder have been accepted against him.

Q. Any particular thing that he said that caused you to file the charges regarding the President's death, against him?

CURRY. No, sir.

CURRY. Physical evidence is the main thing that we are relying upon.

Q. Can you name that physical evidence?

Q. When will he appear before the grand jury, sir?

CURRY. I don't know.

Q. --is that the next step?

CURRY. The next step would be that.

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CURRY. We will continue with the investigation. There are still many things that we need to work on.

WADE. --evidence gathered by the four agencies mentioned.

Q. Do you think you have got a good case?

WADE. I figure we have sufficient evidence to convict him.

Q. Was this, was there any indication that this was an organized plot or was there just one man?

WADE. We--there's no one else but him.

Q. Do you know whether he will be tried in Federal court, county court, or where he will be tried because this was a Presidential murder? Do you care to comment on the jurisdictional dispute which has been arising?

WADE. He has been charged in the State court with murder with malice. The charge carried the death penalty which my office will ask in both cases.

Q. Is there a similar Federal charge?

WADE. I don't know of any.

Q. Attorney General?

WADE. No.

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Q. What's the next step?

WADE. Tomorrow.

WADE. Well, there's a lot of the physical evidence that was gathered in--

Q. Mr. Wade, within 48 hours do you think he might be before the jury?

CURRY. Let Mr. Wade make a statement.

WADE. There are still some more ends that we're working on. This will be presented immediately to the grand jury as soon as some of the evidence is examined. It will be examined today, tonight, and tomorrow. He has been filed before, filed in Judge David Johnston's, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 of Dallas, and been held without bond on this case and the other case too. It will probably be the middle of next week before it goes to the Grand Jury because of some more evidence that has to be examined by the laboratory.

Q. Has he engaged a lawyer, sir?

Q. Mr. Wade, could you elaborate on the physical evidence?

WADE. Well, we've gone on into some other things that were gathered; the gun is one of them.

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Q. Mr. Wade, can you tell us if he has engaged a lawyer?

CURRY. We don't know that. His people have been here but we don't--

Q. Are there any fingerprints on the gun?

Q. Mr. Wade, can we get a picture of him?

Q. Are you going to bring him out?

WADE. I--

Q. Could we get a room where we could get a picture of him?

Q. Can we get a press conference where he could stand against a wall and we could talk to him?

Q. Has where he will be tried been determined yet?

WADE. It will be in the Dallas County Grand Jury.

Q. Where did he say he was when the President was killed?

COMMENTATOR. Captain Fritz, Chief Curry and Henry Wade are in conference right now to determine whether--

Q. Wade! Henry--

Q. Captain Fritz, can we go to the Assembly Room, sir?

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WADE. We will get in a larger room here, that's what we're talking about.

[Wade, Curry and Fritz still conferring but cannot make out words.]

Q. What about the Assembly Room?

WADE. Is that all right?

FRITZ. That's--

WADE. Let's go down there where--

Q. O.K. Down to the assembly room.

Q. Will there be a way to make any pictures?

Q. -- make pictures right then and there?

WADE. I don't know, I don't even know where he is.

Q. --

WADE. I will, but I don't see any reason to take any picture of him.

Q. Of Lee?

WADE. Yes.

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Q. Well, the whole world's only waiting to see what he looks like.

Q. Was there evidence enough to--?

WADE. Oh, is that all, the whole world.

Q. That's all.

Q. Just the world.

Q. We're crazy if we--

WADE. What?

Q. When will the preliminary hearing or arraignment be?

WADE. It hasn't been set. He's already been before the J.P. here but hasn't been arraigned yet.

Q. Will the indictment call--?

WADE. He has been taken before the J.P. right here.

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NBC-TV reel 43
Saturday, November 23, 1963

PRESS INTERVIEW WITH POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY
DALLAS POLICE AND COURTS BUILDING

Q. Will you hold it up again, sir, please.

Q. Would that paraffin test be valid on a rifle also or just-- ?

Q. Chief Curry, how would you describe this man? Is he a prime suspect?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. Is he the only suspect?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. Does he confess anything?

CURRY. No.

Q. What does he say?

CURRY. [Unintelligible]

Q. Has he admitted killing the policeman?

CURRY. No.

Q. Will he be questioned for an indeterminate period of time? How long will you question him?

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