

July 16, 1964

Mr. J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Officer W. E. Barnett
Statement

Sir:

I made detail at 9:00 a.m. on November 22, 1963. I received my instructions from Captain Lawrence who instructed us to work traffic; watch the people in the crowd to see they didn't throw anything at the President or his motorcade and that it was lawful for people to carry placards but not throw them. Captain Lawrence told us to stop the cars when the motorcade came through.

I was assigned to Elm and Houston not later than 10:00 a.m. and stayed on my assignment until the motorcade came through. I was on my assignment at 10:00 a.m. I was on the northwest corner of Elm and Houston.

I checked the Texas Depository Building around 11:00 a.m. and it was raining and all windows were closed. I talked to some people from the building who wanted to know what time the motorcade would come by. They stated that the building was full of people and they wanted to see the President and Mrs. Kennedy. I advised them to come out on the corner at 11:45 a.m. and at that time close to 100 people came out and lined the sidewalks. When the motorcade came through, I helped stop Elm Street and the Southbound traffic on Houston. I also stopped traffic on the small street which runs directly in front of the Depository Building which dead-ends into the railroad track from Elm and Houston.

When the shots were fired, I looked up and could not see anyone or anything extending out of the windows. I thought the shots were coming from top of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patrolman, Traffic Division

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