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 BUFORD LEE BEATY, Detective, Narcotics Section, Dallas Police Department, residence 404 Freeman, Dallas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and that he could not make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to an attorney. He furnished the following information:

On November 24, 1963, he started work at approximately 8:00 AM, which was his regular Sunday shift. From his arrival at the Police Department to approximately 9:30 AM, he was in his assigned office doing paper work. He then went down to the basement of the Police Department, where Captain TALBERT requested him to watch an individual of apparent Hungarian origin who was allegedly in the basement attempting to secure the release of two of his employees.

About 10:00 AM, Captain O. A. JONES passed by and requested that he wait by the jail elevator and meet the contingent of detectives from the third floor who were coming down to aid in the transfer of OSWALD and have them remain at the elevator for assignments. At approximately 10:10 AM, Captain JONES instructed the detectives to form a double line along the walls of the anteway and into the far side of the garage. Captain JONES also asked the press not to ask questions of OSWALD.

To his recollection, a Patrolman NELSON and one reserve policeman were in the basement on the other side of the double doors from the garage checking everyone who entered. After the double line was formed, only one TV cameraman was allowed through the double doors from the basement interior.

Around 11:30 AM, OSWALD was brought down in the elevator and passed through the line of officers, preceded by Lieut. R. E. SWAIN and Captain WILL FRITZ. Detectives J. R. LEAVELLE and L. C. GRAVES were on either side of OSWALD and Detective L. D. MONTGOMERY immediately behind OSWALD.

When OSWALD entered the driveway area of the basement, the members of the press surged forward and someone yelled for OSWALD to make a statement. At this time BEATY leaned slightly forward and looked around at the group of pressmen, anticipating having to move forward to keep the crowd back. He heard a shot and looked in time

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to see two police officers grabbing JACK RUBY, whose hand, bearing pistol, was up in the air. He saw Detective GRAVES remove a snub-nosed pistol from RUBY's hand as RUBY was forced to the floor.

He did not see anyone prior to the time of the shooting whom he knew to be other than a policeman or a member of the press. He estimates over 100 people other than police officers were in the basement at the time of the shooting, none of whom he could call by name.

He has known RUBY for six or seven years, only casually, and had no extended conversations with him. Some time, exact date not recalled, he wrote a traffic ticket for a violation which RUBY committed in his presence. He last saw RUBY about four weeks prior to the shooting. He did not speak with OSWALD or RUBY after the shooting.

He does not know of any police officer or ex-police officer who has ever worked for RUBY. He has no knowledge of any political activity or beliefs of RUBY. He did not know OSWALD prior to the assassination and has no knowledge of any connection between OSWALD and RUBY.

He understands the garage area was searched by a group of officers prior to bringing OSWALD down. He personally saw MELBA ESPINOSA, an employee at the Police Department Information Desk, refused admittance to the basement just prior to the shooting. He noticed the reserve policeman inside the basement at the double doors challenge Captain JONES, who was in plain clothes at sometime before the shooting.

He did not personally request identification of anyone since he understood the entrances to the basement were being guarded and identification was required for persons to enter.

He advised the following is a list of officers that he remembers seeing in the basement just before and after the shooting:

B. H. CONBEST	R. L. LOWERY
J. H. HUTCHINSON	CHARLES GOOLSBY
W. J. HARRISON	W. E. CHAMBERS
WILBUR CUTSHAW	Captain FRANK MARTIN
JAMES WATSON	Lieut. W. WIGGINS
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