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Captain O. A. JONES, Forgery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 24, 1963, sometime shortly before noon, acting under the instructions of Assistant Chief M. W. STEVENSON, he reported to the basement of the City Hall building, along with all available detectives from various bureaus of the Police Department on the third floor. He stated his instructions were to help in securing area for the transportation of LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail. JONES stated that specific instructions given him were to see that the armored truck, which was to transport OSWALD, was placed into position in the basement. JONES stated that additional specific instructions from Chief STEVENSON and Chief BATCHELOR were to use the detectives under their supervision to keep the press and news media east of the basement driveway. JONES stated he instructed officers in getting press media back from the pertinent area and in keeping everyone back after this area was cleared.

JONES stated that subsequently Chief STEVENSON advised him that the armored truck is too large to get all the way down the ramp, and that they were going to place two cars behind the truck, which was to remain at the entrance of the ramp facing Commerce Street. JONES stated, accordingly, at this time two cars were moved onto the ramp behind the truck, and it was necessary for officers to clear the path for these cars to pull onto the ramp from the underground parking area and to back into position at the corridor entrance. JONES stated at this time he was standing approximately on the east side of the ramp and a little south at the point where the corridor enters the ramp or driveway. Someone said, "Here he comes." JONES assumed this was with reference to the prisoner and, accordingly, turned towards the car to be sure no unauthorized personnel approached them and that the stationed officers were in the area. He stated he then looked back toward the east, at which time he heard a shot. He did not see the actual shooting and had not seen JACK RUBY in the pertinent area. He stated he knew JACK RUBY some ten or twelve years ago, but did not know him well. JONES stated he had definitely not seen RUBY in the City Hall building during the pertinent period of November 22-23, 1963.

JONES added that when he had heard the shot he immediately shouted to officers to seal the exits and he ran to the scene of the shooting and observed RUBY in custody.

JONES stated that his specific instructions to the officers

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under his supervision were to protect the pertinent area and to let no one in the area. They were to protect prisoners and officers and were to allow no picture taking in the restricted area. JONES added that he does not know the reason for the security falling down.

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