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WILLIAM J. NEWMAN, Dallas Reserve Policeman, residence 10923 Cotillion Drive, Garland, Texas, advised that he was called by Sgt. SULLIVAN of the Police Reserve to report to the Central Police Station as soon as he could get there on Sunday morning, November 24, 1963. He stated he arrived there between 9:00 and 9:15 AM and was told to report to Sgt. PUTNAM of the regular Police Department. Sgt. PUTNAM requested that all of the Reserves, approximately 25 in number, assist them in searching all cars and areas in the basement. This was at approximately 9:20 AM when they began, and at about 10:15 AM Sgt. PUTNAM told him to guard the door underneath the ramp coming in to the basement from the Commerce Street side where the armored truck was parked.

He advised the door he was guarding went into the basement which was the engine room. He stated that no one came in or out of this door while he was stationed there, and he was there from approximately 10:20 until approximately ten or fifteen minutes after the shooting. He advised that he did not see the shooting. He did not know RUBY. He never knew or heard of any officers working for RUBY. He stated at the time he went into the basement there were probably fifteen or twenty people already there other than policemen and that they were newsmen, photographers and TV cameramen. He did not know any of them. He stated these people were already there and he was not in a position to observe any others coming in to the basement, so that he was unable to say what identification they had to show or if they were challenged to show any form of identification.

He estimated that at the time of the actual shooting there were approximately fifty people in there other than the police officers. He knew of no security measures taken other than what his assignment was but did say that he had heard the armored car was going to be a decoy and that OSWALD would be taken to the County Jail in another car. He did not recall who told him this. He stated that from his position where he was assigned he was unable to see the top of the Main Street ramp but could see the lower part of it. He stated that approximately one minute before the actual shooting occurred he saw a man coming down the Main Street ramp but since he could just see the lower part of it, he was unable to see whether or not he was challenged or whether or not he had any identification. He could not see the man as there were too many people in between where he was stationed and where the Main Street ramp was. He did not know RUBY and had not heard any talk concerning him prior to the shooting.

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