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Captain CECIL TALBERT, Radio Patrol Division, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, stated that on November 24, 1963, he utilized 18 officers of the Dallas Police Department and 25 reserve officers for setting up the security of the removal of LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail. He stated that the route to be taken was from the Dallas Police Building to North Central Expressway, left on North Central Expressway to Elm Street, left on Elm Street to Houston Street and left one-half block to the Dallas County Jail. He stated that no reserve officers were utilized in the basement of the Police Building and that he had made the following arrangements as to checking the security of the basement. In the Dallas Police Building, there is a jail elevator which stops in the basement of the Police Building and leads directly onto the loading ramp. This ramp is on the driveway that runs from Main Street to Commerce Street through the Police Building or under the Police Building partially under the City Hall Building. This ramp leads off of Main Street at street level, goes down an incline to the basement level where there is a parking area and a loading ramp. This drive exits on the Commerce Street side. There are two passenger elevators and one service elevator which comes from the sub-basement up to the basement in the parking area of the basement just off of the loading ramp.

Captain TALBERT stated that these were thoroughly secured by regular Dallas patrolmen in order to see that no one had hidden in them. He stated that two officers were placed on the Commerce Street side at the street level of the drive which extends into the basement of the Police Building. He stated that one officer was stationed at the entrance of the drive into the police building at the Main Street entrance. He stated that all cars except police cars were moved out of the parking area in the basement. He stated that the air conditioning dock was examined to see that no one was hidden in it.

Captain TALBERT said that all people were ordered out of the basement except newsmen and police officials. He estimated that at the time, Captain WILL FRITZ and his detectives brought down OSWALD from the jail to the basement where he was to be loaded into the vehicle which would carry him to the County Jail. There were approximately 150 news reporters and television cameramen. Captain TALBERT stated that he had instructed his men to check all newspaper reporters and television men for their passes and to see that they had credit news media passes. He stated in the rush to get down into the basement where

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the loading ramp was located and OSWALD was being brought down from the jail, it is highly possible that JACK RUBY may have walked down the ramp with the newspaper men unnoticed. He stated there was a lot of confusion and pushing. Captain TALBERT stated that he knew of no exact time that Captain FRITZ was to move OSWALD since the United States Secret Service had been interviewing on the morning of November 24, 1963. According to Captain TALBERT, Captain WILL FRITZ was in charge of the removal of OSWALD to the Dallas County jail and the attempted removal of the prisoner OSWALD was about 11:20 A.M., November 24, 1963. Captain TALBERT stated that he had placed patrolmen along the route properly, City Jail to the County Jail, at what he considered strategic points, those points being where the automobile would have to slow down for corners.

Captain TALBERT stated that he had no idea as to how JACK RUBY got into the basement and was as close as he was to the prisoner, OSWALD. He stated that at the time OSWALD was shot, he was not in a position to see who shot him and he thought for a moment it might have been a Dallas Police Officer. Captain TALBERT stated that he had no idea as to what caused the security breakdown.

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