

# Deputy in Picture at Dealy Plaza Says: 'It Was Nothing Significant'



**"NOTHING SIGNIFICANT"**—Dallas County Sheriff Buddy Walther points to himself in a picture which New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison claims shows a federal agent picking up a bullet near the Kennedy assassination site. Wednesday

Walther said that he doubted the object was anything of the kind. "It was nothing significant," said Walther. "If it was a bullet, it would have been significant." (UPI Telephoto)

DALLAS (UPI)—A deputy sheriff who appears in a picture which New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison claims shows a federal agent picking up a bullet near the Kennedy assassination site said Wednesday he doubted the object was anything of the kind.

"It was nothing significant," said Dallas deputy Buddy Walther. "If it had been a bullet, it would have been significant."

Walther appears, standing alongside a uniformed Dallas policeman and watching another man in civilian clothes pick something up from the grass near the assassination site.

Garrison produced the picture on a television program in Dallas last week, along with another showing the unidentified man holding something in his hand and walking away. The New Orleans district attorney said the man was picking up a 45-caliber bullet.

**Other Than Oswald**  
Garrison said the bullet proved that someone was shooting at the President other than Lee Harvey Oswald, who used a smaller caliber rifle from the top of the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building.

Garrison said the bullet was never introduced into evidence before the Warren Commission or referred to in the Commission testimony and exhibits by which the Commission concluded Oswald was the assassin and acted alone.

Walther said the photograph was taken about 10 minutes after the assassination. At the time, he was not sure anybody had been wounded though the blood indicated somebody had been.

**Started Looking**  
Immediately after the three shots and the President's car had roared off, Walther started looking for whoever fired the shots. It occurred to him that a man who had just shot at the President would not walk around carrying a rifle, so he started looking for evidence.

"If he (the man in the photograph) had found a bullet, he certainly would have yelled 'Look, a bullet' or something like that," Walther said. "Because a bullet was what we were looking for."

Walther is 39, has been an investigator 14 years. He helped capture Oswald in the Texas Theater after Oswald had shot patrolman J. D. Tippit.

"This city officer and I were standing by watching this man pick up something," Walther said. "It was what appeared to be blood. You've seen blood that

hit grass. If it was anything it was a piece of skull. It was nothing significant. If it had been a bullet, it would have been significant."

"I was scrambling under the theater seats and I saw a hand with a gun in it. I grabbed the hand, pushed it up and yelled 'Somebody get this gun!' Walther said.

A short time later, with two policemen, he searched the home of Mrs. Ruth Paine in Irving, a suburb of Dallas and in the garage found the blanket in which Oswald had kept the assassination rifle wrapped.

Is Walther convinced Oswald killed Kennedy and Tippit? "Hell, yes," he said.

# Five Appointed To Charitable Immunity Panel

**News-Tribune Austin Bureau**  
AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Preston Smith Wednesday named three Senate members and two appointees of the 60th Legislature's Special Committee on Charitable Immunity.

As public members of this five-member "Little Hoover Commission," the lieutenant governor named Harry Dulick of Morgan and Arthur Dilly of Corpus Christi.

Carroll Chadwick of Center were appointed as representatives of the public. The resolution creating the committee also provides for appointment by the speaker of

three members of the House of Representatives and two additional public members. The lieutenant governor also announced the appointment of Sen. William N. (Bill) Patman of Ganado, Herring and J. P. Word of Meridian as members of the Senate's Special Committee on Economy in State Government.

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