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As Ike Pappas—"the man in the white raincoat" in the front row—concentrates on Lee Oswald (to whom he has just addressed a question), Jack Ruby aims his gun at Oswald. Pappas was broadcasting live, so his listeners heard the sound of a single gunshot which fatally wounded Oswald. Exhibit 1, from Pappas' testimony to the Warren Commission, [Volume XXI, page 19](#).

NOTE: SOME OF THE **LINKS IN THIS CHAPTER** DEPICT VERY **GRUESOME** SCENES.

At 2:15 a.m. on November 24, the day Oswald was scheduled to be transferred to a different jail, the FBI received an anonymous phone call about Lee Oswald. The caller warned that Oswald would be shot during the transfer.

Despite that warning, security precautions seemed to have been less than desirable when the accused assassin was brought from his cell to the [basement garage](#) of the Dallas police headquarters.

[Jack Ruby](#), a Dallas night club owner known to the police, was waiting for Oswald. [Shoving a gun](#) into the alleged killer's stomach, Ruby [fired a single shot](#). Stunned broadcasters, watching Oswald's transfer, reported the shocking event.

Oswald's [shirt](#) and slipover [sweater](#) clearly [show](#) the [bullet holes](#). So does the [T-shirt](#) he was also wearing at the time of his transfer. Police wrestled the gun away from Ruby before he could fire again.

A [stricken Oswald](#) was rushed to Parkland Hospital, where a team of doctors tried to save his life. One of the police officers, traveling with Oswald, believed he died en route to the hospital.

The accused assassin was pronounced dead at about 1:07 p.m. CST - almost exactly forty-eight hours after a similar announcement had been made for the President.

Before his body had cooled, Oswald's autopsy was performed. He was dressed and placed in a [coffin](#). Before his body was released to Miller's Funeral Home, it was temporarily stored in the hospital near a container of soiled linens.

The cost for [Oswald's funeral](#) was \$710, including a pine-box coffin. He was [buried](#) at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.

Concerns about a conspiracy to kill Kennedy, already on people's minds, were fueled by Ruby's actions. Meanwhile, officials in Washington were preparing for a state funeral.

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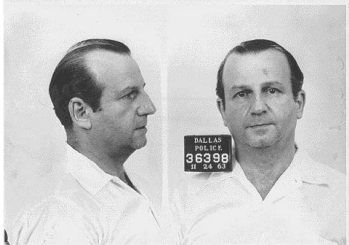


Oswald Murder Scene - Basement Garage, Dallas P.D.

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Jack Ruby Police Photo

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Jack Ruby Fires a Single Shot at Oswald

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Oswald Shirt with Bullet Hole

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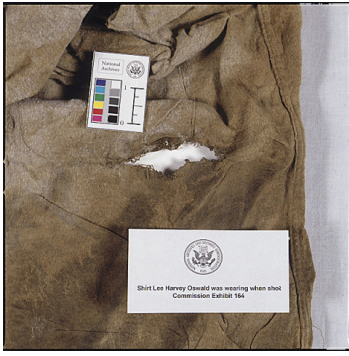
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Oswald Sweater with Bullet Hole

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Close-up of Bullet Hole in Oswald's Shirt

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Oswald's T-Shirt with Bullet Hole

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Oswald Dies of His Bullet Wound

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