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the following notes are from my conversation with Mrs. Bozarth.

She told me that requests had come in to DPS for quite a few people's records shortly after the events in Dallas 22 November 1963.

Among the DPS files which were requested was one for Lee Harvey Oswald.

Mrs. Bozarth stated categorically that she knew from direct personal experience that there was a DPS drivers license file for Lee Harvey Oswald and that it was pulled to supply the requested information to the requesting agency.

I asked whether the existence of a DPS file necessarily meant that a person had been issued a Texas drivers license. She explained that the file was automatically created when one made application for the license; that the first item placed in the file was the license and related material from the application, i.e. vital statistics, address, etc. The file would subsequently be the repository for all driving and vehicle records pertaining to the holder of the drivers license.

Mrs. Bozarth further indicated that none of this evidence would any longer exist due to normal purging procedures of the agency.

This procedure was confirmed by Chief Griffen when he came back on the phone.

I asked who had been the manager of the DPS drivers license division 22 November 1963. I was told it was Mr. T. G. Ferguson who retired six years ago and who now lives in Waco, Texas.

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DATE: February 14, 1968

STATEMENT OF: ALETHA FRAIR

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S T A T E M E N T

My name is ALETHA FRAIR (MRS. JOHN FRAIR). I live at:
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I worked for the Department of Public Safety in Austin, Texas from the early part of October 1963, through the early part of December 1963. While I was employed at the Department of Public Safety I worked in the License Records Department. This Dept. was responsible for the IBM computer records of all drivers licenses issued in the state of Texas.

My husband, JOHN, was working for the United Press International during November of 1963 and on November 22, 1963 he was in Uvalde, Texas, covering the birthday of ex-Vice President JOHN NANCE GARNER.

I did not go to work on the 22 of November, 1963, but the following event occurred the week after the assassination of President KENNEDY.

During the week following the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, on either Wednesday the 27th, or Thursday the 28th of November, 1963 the Texas driver's license issued to LEE HARVEY OSWALD came into my division.

Aletha Frair

I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES THE PINK TEXAS
DRIVERS LICENSE. (ABOUT 2 1/2 INCHES BY 3 1/2 INCHES)
THE LICENSE HAD THE NAME "LEE HARVEY OSWALD"
PRINTED ON THE CARD AS THE LICENSEE. THE
LICENSE WAS STAINED WITH SOME SORT
OF BROWNISH DISCOLORATION.

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ALETHA FRAIR

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The record (IBM card) on OSWALD was pulled from the files. Several other employees (5 or 6) of the Department saw the driver's license which was dirty and worn as though it had been carried in a billfold. The license was the talk of the office that day since everyone knew who OSWALD was, and the reason his driver's license records were being pulled from the active file was the fact that he had been killed.

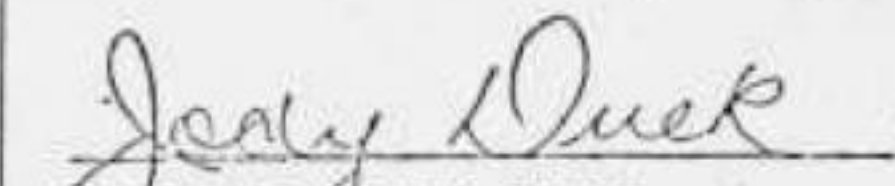
In October of 1966 my husband and I moved to New Orleans and in June of 1967 my husband went to work for WWL-TV, Channel 4.

I, ALETHA FRAIR, hereby affirm that all of the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed February 14, 1968.


ALETHA FRAIR


WITNESS: GARY SANDERS


WITNESS: JODY DUEK