

# Basic Detail Report

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## Charles L. Bronson film

### Date

11/22/1963 - 11/23/1963

### Primary Maker

Charles L. Bronson

### Medium

Film

### Dimensions

Gauge: 8mm Camera speed: 12 fps

### Object number

2017.015.0001

### Description

Original 8mm color home movie by Charles L. Bronson of the presidential motorcade the day of the assassination and scenes filmed the following day in Dealey Plaza. One of four known amateur films showing the moment of the fatal shot to President Kennedy, the Bronson film is the shortest of those eyewitnesses' home movies and the one taken from the most distant perspective from the limousine. Bronson and his wife were in Dealey Plaza that day with both still and home movie cameras. With his Keystone home movie camera running at twelve frames per second, Bronson filmed a few seconds approximately six minutes before the arrival of the presidential parade. This significant sequence shows the flashing lights of an ambulance at the scene picking up the victim of an epileptic seizure. Bronson also inadvertently captured, in the background, the Texas School Book Depository. The next scenes show the presidential parade visible on Main Street, approaching the turn onto Houston, followed by the Kennedy limousine traveling along Houston Street, approaching the turn onto Elm. Bronson then filmed two seconds of the assassination. This brief sequence ends as Mrs. Kennedy rises from her seat, moving towards the trunk of the limousine. Bronson, his wife and daughter Charlette returned the next day to capture more film and photographs of the plaza.