

# White House Policemen Recover



## Description

White House Police Force members Private Joseph Downs, left, and Private Donald Birdzell, right, are shown seated in wheelchairs while recovering in a Washington, D.C. hospital. They were wounded protecting President Harry S. Truman from an assassination attempt while he was staying at Blair House. Joseph Downs was hit in the chest, abdomen, and thigh; Donald Birdzell was shot in both legs.

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