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### JFK's 'last autograph' bought by Calabasas collector

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A Calabasas historic document dealer recently purchased what may have been the last autograph signed by President Kennedy.

Joe Maddalena paid \$39,000 for a copy of the Dallas Morning News with the president's signature, according to Heritage Auctions, the company that sold the item.

When a Dallas woman handed the president the newspaper, he signed the front page near the date, Nov. 22, 1963. He was assassinated about two hours later.

Maddalena [told CNN](#) that he got an "impressive piece of history at a bargain price" and plans to display it with other JFK items at "appropriate times," such as the slain president's birthday. The name of Maddalena's business, [Profiles in History](#), is inspired by the Kennedy book "Profiles in Courage."

Immediately after taking possession of the autograph, Maddalena said he insured it for a quarter-million dollars.

-- Valerie J. Nelson

*Photo: President Kennedy addresses a crowd in Fort Worth on Nov. 22, 1963. Credit: Associated Press*

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