1) Deaths of Witnesses

Since the death of John F Kennedy, there have been a number of theories that witnesses to the shooting died suspiciously. The 1973 film *Executive Action* brought the issue to national attention and proved hugely controversial. Journalist Jim Marrs later presented a list of 103 people he believed died "convenient deaths" under suspect circumstances.

2) The Soviet Union Did It

At the time of JFK's death, relations between the Soviet Union and US were extremely low, with both sides suspicious of each other. One popular theory is that Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Premier, ordered the attack on Kennedy because he was embarrassed at having to back down following the Cuban Missile Crisis.
3) The Mafia Shot JFK

The Mafia had huge investments in casinos in Cuba. And one theory goes that after the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion, which stopped the mob's hopes of American organized crime returning to Cuba, the mafia was left fuming. Conspiracy theorists allege Mafia bosses carried out the hit because of their anger.

Another Mafia theory is based on the 1960 election, in which organized crime bosses pressured voters in their sphere of influence to vote for Kennedy, only to be repaid by Kennedy’s brother, Robert, who began cracking down on organized crime once the President took office. This is cited as the motivation for a hit on JFK by the mob.

4) Lyndon Johnson Ordered the Hit

One of the most outrageous theories is that Lyndon Johnson, who became president after JFK's death, ordered the hit. Some claim he was helped by wealthy businessmen who thought they may profit from Johnson being president. One theory alleges he was helped by the then CIA official George H.W. Bush, who was in Dallas on the day of the assassination.
5) Jackie Kennedy Did It
This is quite possibly one of the more outrageous theories. A number of different motives have been suggested - including that the President's wife was an undercover secret assassin. It has even been suggested that she was able to hide a gun among a bundle of flowers. Many of those who make the claim seem to overlook the fact that she was being watched in an open limousine by thousands of onlookers.

6) It Was Carried Out By the CIA
Almost anytime anything terrible happens in America, the CIA are blamed. According to some theories, Oswald worked for the CIA. Some claim his FBI file was tampered with to make him look like a lone wolf who carried out the attack all by himself. Motivation for the CIA includes anger over the failed Bay of Pigs invasion.

7) The President's Bodyguard Did It
One of the theories is that Kennedy's death was a huge mistake after a secret agent accidentally fired his gun. The story emerged from a firearms expert who was hired to help re-create the shooting for the official investigation. However, after the accusation was made in the book *Mortal Error*, the accused special agent successfully sued the authors.
8) The Mystery Man with a Black Umbrella Did It
Photographs and TV footage from the scene showed a man repeatedly opening and closing an umbrella as Kennedy's motorcade went past. But this soon made the conspiracy theorists suspicious because there was actually no rain on the day. Those of a suspicious nature also wondered whether the umbrella man was signaling to a gunman.

9) Kennedy Was Killed by Homeless Tramps
Not long after the shooting, police actually arrested three homeless men. This prompted people to question whether they were the killers. Some speculated that the men were too clean-cut to be tramps and could possibly be undercover agents.

10) The President's Driver Did It
Again, one of the wilder theories, particularly because the driver was in view of thousands of people. Wild speculation claimed the driver pulled his gun out to shoot the President in the head. Conspiracy theorists claim he must have been working with the agent sitting in the car's passenger seat.