

FILE NO. 41711

OFFENSE REPORT

Police Department

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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COMPLAINANT:

ARTHUR KASHERMAN
OWNER, MANAGER OR ATTENDANT:

NATURE OF OFFENSE:

MURDER

BUS. ADDRESS: RES. ADDRESS:

1712 Portland Avenue, Apt. 107

BUS. PHONE: RES. PHONE:

At 4795

PERSON REPORTING OFFENSE:

ADDRESS:

BUS. PHONE: RES. PHONE:

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Jan. 22nd, 1945 - about 11:26 PM

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE:

15th & Chicago Avenue

REPORT RECEIVED BY:

Headquarters, Capt. Paradeau

STATION:

DATE AND TIME RECEIVED:

Jan. 22nd, 1945 - about 11:30 PM

REPORT INVESTIGATED BY:

Sibbett & Nordstrom-Martinson & Barthl

DATE AND TIME:

DETECTIVES ASSIGNED:

SIBBETT & NORDSTROM

DETAILS OF OFFENSE: (STATE FULL DETAILS. IF COMPLETE INFORMATION, INCLUDING TIME OF CRIME, ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL LOSS AND DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECTS, IS NOT AVAILABLE ON FIRST INVESTIGATION, A FOLLOW-UP MUST BE MADE.)

About 11:30 PM Jan. 22nd, 1945, a call was received at Headquarters that there had been a shooting at 15th & Chicago Avenue. When we (Sibbett & Nordstrom) arrived, we found Arthur Kasherman lying on the sidewalk dead. According to Dr. Russell R. Heim, County Coroner, there were two bullet holes in his body, one one-inch below the right nipple and the second bullet hole was in his upper left cheek midway between the left eye and the left ear. This bullet penetrated deep into his head. There were also multiple fine glass cuts over the left side of his face and left neck due to the shattering of the left side window in Kasherman's automobile, and small pieces of glass were picked out of his skin. Our investigation reveals that Kasherman was in company with one Pearl Von Wald, 912 2nd Ave South, Apt. 305, at the time of the shooting. According to her statement, she met Kasherman about 10:30 PM in front of the Pantages Theatre. He apparently was driving past and honked the horn at her and she got into his car. He then asked her if she wanted to get some chow mein with him and agreeing, he drove to Hannah's Cafe at 15th and Chicago and parked his car on 15th Street heading east, on the south side of 15th Street and on the east side of the east sidewalk. They entered Hannah's Cafe and had their chow mein and then left the cafe, crossed the street and started for his car. According to Miss Van Wald's statement, Kasherman started his car but seemed to have some difficulty in getting it away from the curb and he rocked it back and forth for a short time and just then Eddie M. Johnson, 1501 11th Avenue So. came out of Hannah's Cafe and started for his car which was parked immediately in front of Kasherman's car. He noticed he was having difficulty in getting his car started and he went back to Kasherman's car with the intention of assisting him, when he noticed that the left front tire was flat. He told Kasherman about the flat and decided he could be of no assistance and he drove off but before he left, he noticed that Kasherman got out of his car to look at the tire. According to Miss Van Wald's statement, Kasherman then got back into his car again and again started the motor and tried to drive it away (See Page 2)

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APPROVED:

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(Continued) and it was then that she heard a crash and heard Kasherman scream and she ducked down on the side and Kasherman fell over on her and she fell on to the running board. She claims to have heard five or six shots and apparently Kasherman succeeded in getting out of his car and started to run and fell dead just before he reached the corner of 15th and Chicago. She claims she heard Kasherman scream at the murderer "Don't shoot; for God's sake don't shoot and that he mentioned some short nick name like "Bob" or "Joe", as if he was acquainted with the person.

The shots entered the car on the left side, which would be the driver's side and one bullet evidently went wild and went through the window on the first floor of 1508 Chicago Avenue, Apt. 2, occupied by Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Miller, Apt. 2, Br 8042. The bullet struck the casing of the window and evidently was well spent as it was found on the window sill. This bullet is in possession of Winslow of the Bureau of Identification.

The following were witnesses to the shooting or were supposed to know something about it:- Henry Wendt, 825 So. 8th St, Apt. 201, driver for the Blue & White Cab Company; Harry Goodrich, 707 E. 15th Street; Marvin Gragert, 3556 10th Ave. South. The last witnesses were obtained by Officers Martinson & Bartholomew and had left the scene by the time Sibbett & Nordstrom arrived.

Kasherman's car, an Oldsmobile Coach, License 118-223, was towed to Bryant Ave. Station. The front tire (left) was flat and the glass in the left door window was shattered, the glass lying on the front cushion. The car was examined by Winslow and a slug was recovered from the roof of the car.

Statements were taken from Pearl Von Wald, 912 2nd Ave So, Apt. 305; Adolph Efshen, 3028 5th St So; Harry E. Goodrich, 707 E. 15th St; Axel Pearson, 2220
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REPORT NATURE OF INVESTIGATION COMPLAINT

MURDER

PERSON REPORTING (IF NOT COMPLAINANT): ADDRESS: PHONE:

COMPLAINANT: ADDRESS: according to last Arthur Kasherman 1518 Third Ave. So. directory.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: DATE: TIME: 15th and Chicago 1-22-45 11:26 PM

REPORT RECEIVED BY: DATE: TIME: Sibbet and Nordstrom; Martinson & Barthl. 1-22-45 11:26 PM

INVESTIGATED BY: DATE: TIME: Sibbet and Nordstrom 1-22-45

DETECTIVES ASSIGNED:

CASE MADE: YES NO

IMPORTANT: (COPIES OF THIS REPORT MUST BE FURNISHED THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES, INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED DEPARTMENT)

We received a call to 15th and Chicago Avenue regarding a shooting. When we arrived we found Arthur Kasherman lying on the sidewalk dead, and according to Dr. Russel R. Heim, County Coroner's report, it shows that there were two bullit holes--#1 bullet hole 1" below right nipple and the second one left upper cheek midway between left eye and left ear. This bullet penetrated deep into his head. Dr. Heim will conduct post early AM. There are multiple fine glass cuts over left side of face and left neck due to shattering of left side window. Small pieces of glass were picked out of skin.

Our investigation show that he was in company with a Pearl Von Wald, 912 Second Avenue, S., Apt. 305, at the time of the shooting. She was taken to headquarters and gave statement, and was arrested and marked "held" as a material witness. WE ALSO TOOK a statement from Adolph Efshen who witnessed the shooting. See statement of same.

The shots went into the car from the street side, that would be the left side of the car. One bullet evidently went wild and went through the window on first floor of 1508 Chicago Avenue, Apt. 2, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller, Apt. 2; Br. 8042. The bullet struck the casing of the window evidently was well spent as we found it lying on the window sill. It is now in possession of Winslow. We obtained the following names who witnessed or supposed to know something about the shooting: Henry Went, 825 S. 8th Street, Apt. 201; driver for Blue and White Cab; Harry Goodrich, 707 E. 15th Street; Marvin xxxrx Gragert, 3556 - 10th Avenue, South. These last witnesses were obtained by officers Martinson and Bartholemew and by the time we arrived they had left the scene.

1712- Portland ave Apt # 107 Phone At 4795 is the true add of arthur Kasherman. Chief Hillner Dets Sibbit & Kraemer went to the apt and searched same. We did not find anything that would throw any light on the killing. Det Nordstrom & Gust Smith took Pearl Von Wald to her apt to change her cloths which were covered with blood. Cloths in Capt's Office. Also took statement from Harry Went & Harry Goodrich. See Statements.

Also took statments from Axel Pearson & Eddie Johnson.

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(SIGNED) INVESTIGATING OFFICERS