

Re: Julian LALONDE, Driftpile, Alberta.
Murder (Sec. 263.) C.C. of C.

2. Taking along the two Councillors and the Indian Chief we all patrolled where Norbert GIROUX resided, this family comprise man and wife, son and daughter the latter two both of age. Using CHE. IPOUX again as Interpreter, I obtained the following statement from GIROUX it reads:

"Driftpile, Alta. Feb. 1/59.

Norbert GIROUX, Age 67 years, Treaty Indian, States:

a. She Jean, come to my house about 11.0'clock in the morning, she started talking of her husband, she said, "I'll kill Joker." I said, "Why do you want to kill your husband he is a good man." She said, "I am going to kill him on purpose". Next morning I went to the bush, I don't know if she said that for fun or if she meant it. After four days we heard Dan had died. I said to my wife, she must have been willing to do what she intended to do.

b. I have not seen Jean since, my wife, and daughter Louise age 18 were present at the time and heard it. I had left Driftpile and been away four days, when my son went to Town for rations and come back the same day, he said, Dan has been killed the day before, I think it was about four days ~~mmmm~~ previous that Jean had made this statement in our house at Driftpile. At this time Jean appeared quite happy when she made this statement.

c. I am in the bush quite a lot, during the summer I live along the Lake Shore and in the winter I live in the bush. I can't believe a man could shoot himself twice. I have never paid any attention to Jean & Julien. My boy's age is 24 years at present he is in the bush, his name is John Baptiste, he is the one that first told me about Dan. He was not present when Jean made this statement in our house. Our house consists of one room which is 16 x 18'. Jean has only visited our house twice whilst she was living at Lalonde's. At the time she made this statement, she had borrowed a tub from our neighbor Mrs Norman WARD and was returning it, on her way home she called at ~~mmmm~~ our house.

Jean stayed in our house about 15 minutes, as soon as Jean came into our house she started to talk about her husband. Dan was our Grandchild and a good friend of the family. As I know Julien I do not think he would shoot Dan, but I think Jean would do it. My wife's christian name is Bella. (Sgd. Norbert GIROUX)

3. I questioned the wife of this witness also his daughter, both verified the above statement, after a long conversation with witness and his family nothing further regarding this case was learned. GIROUX lives on the East side of the Driftpile bridge and about 600 ft in a northerly direction from the Highway, it would be about the same distance from Pat LALONDE'S house, ~~mmmm~~ that is the one he lived in when residing at D'Pile. Norman WARD lives about 50 ft north of GIROUX'S house near the N.A.Rly tracks. We then all called at the home of Norman WARD but learned that he was not at home, I intend to call on this man again in the very near future.

4. Before leaving the Indian Chief and his two Councillors, I explained to them that I believed that Dan WELIER had not committed suicide but had been killed, whoever it was might still be at large, although Julien LALONDE had been arrested for this offense he might be innocent. I pointed out to them that the lives of their families and themselves were in danger if this person is still at large, and there was no guarantee the same person would not commit another murder if allowed to run at large. I likened them to policemen who were appointed by the Band who looked to them for advise and protection especially in a situation such as this. That under the circumstances for the protection of their Band they should secure all the information they can about this case. I pointed out that some of the witnesses in this case had lied, but the Chief and his Councillors could assure these witnesses that they would not be prosecuted for this provided they were willing at this time to come forward and tell all they knew, that all the Police ~~mmmm~~ wanted was the truth. The Chief and his Councillors intimated they might call a meeting in any event they were going to do their best to get all the information they could and let me know. (P. T. O.)