

Division: "C"

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Date: 22/2/34.

District: Cariboo

Detachment: Hanceville Detach.

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

CRIME REPORT.

Re: REX vs SEYMOUR (Indian) Stoney Reserve.
Murder.

NIL.

I beg to report that on Feb. 13th 1934 at about 6.30 am, Mr. Orford of Chilco Ranch phoned to me at Alexis Creek that Johnny Buffalo Hance (Indian) was there and wished him to tell me the following:- That Seymour (Indian) had shot and Killed Mrs. Johnny Baptiste (Indian woman) near Whitewater Lake on the evening of February 11th 1934. I left for Chilco Ranch immediately in hired car, interviewed Buffalo Hance who gave me the following statement:-

"At about sundown on the evening of Sunday Feb. 11th I went into Seymour's cabin near Whitewater Lake. Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. John Baptiste and my wife also Seymour were in the cabin. When I went in there they were drinking home brew, Mrs. John Baptiste and Seymour were very drunk. Mrs. John Baptiste and Seymour were quarrelling, Seymour left the cabin returning in a few minutes with his rifle, he said 'now I will fix you' and started shooting. As he said 'now I will fix you' I jumped up from where I was sitting, he fired and a bullet wizzed past my head. At the next shot Mrs. John Baptiste fell, Seymour then pulled the trigger again but the gun only snapped. Seymour then turned and ran, as I thought, around the cabin. I took a quick look to see where Mrs. John Baptiste was hit, saw a bullet hole in her chest. I then ran out to try and catch Seymour before he loaded again. When I got to the corner of the cabin I saw Seymour in the direction of his corral standing behind some logs loading his rifle, he saw me and said keep away I am going to shoot myself, I stood where I was. Seymour finished loading his rifle and went to his corral. While he was saddling his horse he was shouting goodbye to the horses and cows in around the corral. When he mounted his horse and started to ride away he said to me twice 'come on I am ready for you' he then rode off".

"We vacated the cabin that night and I left for Hanceville to tell the Police".

(signed) Johnny Buffalo Hance.

I phoned you the above information, and as instructed left Chilco Ranch with Constable Raybone, Game Warden Broughton and Coroner Hance. We travelled with four horse team and sleigh as far as L. Vedan's where we got a fresh team and arrived at the scene of the tragedy about 5.00 pm Feb. 16th, having left Chilco Ranch at 9.00 am Feb. 14th.

We found things much as Buffalo Hance reported as it was getting dark we left things as they were until morning.

Mrs. Buffalo Hance informed us that Seymour's saddle horse had returned on the afternoon of Feb. 12th. She let the horse into the corral to get some feed but did not touch him. We found the horse with the saddle on him and the bridle hung over the saddle horn and made fast with the saddle strings. There was no halter on the horse.

Early morning of the 17th Constable Raybone, Broughton and Coroner Hance, Buffalo and myself tried to follow out Seymour's horse's tracks. We followed what we believed to be his horses tracks about ten miles down Swift Creek in the direction of