

Re: Julien LALONDE, Driftpile, Alta.--
Murder. (Sec. 263 C.C. of C.)

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 reports and statements submitted to date, to indicate that when Wm. (Okemow) Williar, Albert, and Rosalie first saw the body, they could not make out exactly what it was. Even then Deceased might have been lying on his face, and when Rosalie came home, and Julien Lalonde left, he could have shifted the body then. There was no one at the body, and if he was worrying about his rifle, it would be a strong inducement for him to go to the body. Rosalie states that Julien went around the side of the house, and around the shack. This was not the direction he should have taken to go home. He should have gone right past the front of Chalifeux's if he had gone directly home. On the other hand, if he went for his rifle, going around the shack would bring him onto the foot-path where the body was lying. He could have turned the body over, taken up his rifle, thought better of it, then stuck it in between the legs of Deceased, and left. I am quite convinced that something of this nature took place, but before being positively convinced, it will be necessary to have the blood samples analyzed in order to determine conclusively that they are human blood. If they are, it is conclusive that Deceased fell on his face, bled from the nose, remained there for about a half hour, then was turned over.

(VII) I investigated along these lines whilst in the Driftpile district, and questioned the Williar, along these lines, but Albert, Rosalie, and Jean positively denied that they knew of any such move having been made. I pointed out to them that there was no crime committed when a person moves a dead body under these circumstances, but I doubt if I made any impression on them. They fear the police, and apparently under the impression that they can be prosecuted if they admit that they, any of them, tampered with the body. Furthermore, some one has definitely advised them to say as little as possible. In fact, Jean has been warned not to make any statement of any kind.

(IX) Coming back to Rosalie's statement to me, I beg to point out that she could not have known that Albert had made an addition to his statement, as she was not within hearing. I refer to that part where Albert added that accused had asked him to shift the rifle, and yet when she gave me her statement she mentioned this almost in detail.

(X) Taking the scene of the incident, the evidence obtained to date, especially if the blood samples prove to be human blood, and unless further information is obtained to the contrary, I favor the suicide angle, in preference to that of murder.

"STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION".

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