

suspect at Brandon and later at Regina which led to confessions on his part, despite the fact that there was little concrete evidence to implicate him—he refused to admit the Mildred offences until after his conviction for the crimes committed at Red Jacket.

R. v. Kagan

Theft of Watch—Two-way Radio Transmission—Police Dogs

During the morning of Feb. 10, 1941, a fruit pedlar called at the home of Mrs M. Leduc, Elie, Man. In the evening she noticed that her husband's watch and chain valued at \$50.00 were gone. There had been no other visitors.

An R.C.M.P. investigator made immediate enquiries and traced the pedlar's truck for several miles. He put in a radio call to police station VY8T, near Winnipeg, requesting assistance in order that the pedlar might be intercepted without delay. The truck, unattended, was found eighteen miles from Elie.

While searching for the driver, the investigator saw two men approach the truck. He ordered them to stop. One of them obeyed immediately, but the other, Jack Kagan, walked quickly around to the far side of the vehicle. Although neither of the men had a watch in his possession both of them were taken to Headingly detachment for further questioning.

En route, another radio call was made, this time asking for the immediate dispatch of two police dogs and their masters to the spot where the truck had been parked. Arrived at the place, the dogs "Sultan" and "Major" found the stolen watch in less than three minutes. It was lying in the snow, thirty feet from the side of the truck.

Confronted with the watch, and informed of the circumstances of its recovery, Kagan admitted that he stole it from the table while Mrs Leduc was getting him a drink of water.

The case was tried by Police Magistrate A. C. Campbell at Winnipeg on Feb. 26. Accused entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Without the radio system and the speedy work of the dogs, it is doubtful if this case would have been successfully concluded.

R. v. Michaels

Theft of Car—Robbery—Rape—Identification through Rubber Gloves, Pieces of Cloth and Foot Print—Scientific Laboratory— Identification Parade

On the night of Nov. 19, 1940, a teacher and his wife entertained some friends and relatives in their home at East Bittern Lake, Alta. The party broke up about 12.15 a.m.

Shortly afterwards, while preparing for bed, the husband had occasion to be in the kitchen when he heard a terrifying scream outside. The door swung violently open and his wife, who a minute or two previously had retired to the back-yard, ran into the room. She was closely pursued by an armed man.

"This is a stick-up," he snapped.