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Indian Is Freed As Crown Halts Murder Trial

Lack of Evidence Given as
Reason Proceedings
Stopped

IN DRIFTPILE CASE

Arrest Followed Finding
Of Body Last
November

Julien Lalonde, Driftpile reserve Indian, charged with the murder last November of Dan Willier, 38, Indian formerly of the Sucker Creek reserve, was discharged from custody Monday after a stay of proceedings had been entered on his behalf by J. W. McClung, acting for the attorney-general's department, at the opening of criminal assizes.

Willier was found dead with two bullet wounds in his head, lying outside his shack on the Driftpile reserve. At a subsequent inquest, it was found he "died from rifle wounds, the gun fired by some person unknown."

Reason given by Mr. McClung for the release of the accused was lack of evidence. Mr. Justice Ives granted the stay.

