

Re: Julian LALONDE - Driftpile, Alta.,
 MURDER, Sec. 263 C.C. of C.

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 statement. I might here state that Cpl. Faulkner had enlisted the assistance of this man, and had asked him to spread a few rumors in the hope that this might have a good reaction, but I am of the opinion that McGillis was ever zealous and started this particular rumor, although he denies it.

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29. This date was employed in an endeavour to obtain some concrete information at Faust, Driftpile, and Jousard Dists. At Jousard I contacted French Speaking people and made a most thorough investigation. Nothing of value was obtained there. The Rev. Paul SERRAND, Roman Catholic priest in charge of the Mission at Jousard was contacted by me, and quite a lengthy interview was had. He is a man of apparent strong and determined character. He is most emphatic in his belief that murder was committed, but he has no concrete information to offer for his attitude other than from the moral angle. The whole of the Hamlin family was with the exception of Pierre HAMLIN have a very bad moral reputation, Jean WILLIER (nee' HAMLIN) being considered the worst of the lot. It is she, that Father SERRAND, suspects of murder, and not LALONDE. Basing his contention after French criminal procedure, no doubt, he was under the impression that the four, namely, Albert, Rosalie, and Jean WILLIER, should be arrested and put on their defence. I explained to him that under our Canadian Laws, this could not be done. Father SERRAND handed me a letter purporting to have been received by him from Julian LALONDE, same being self-explanatory. There is nothing of importance contained therein. Same is being attached to this file. All known sources of further information being exhausted, patrol returned to High Prairie arriving at 8:30 PM. same date.

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30. On this date, roads being impassible to Grouard, I got in touch with the Rev. Fr. FALHER of Grouard., for the purpose of sifting down information contained in Para. 1 of Cpl. Faulkner's report dated 28-11-38, to the effect that when message was received deceased was alleged to be still alive. Fr. FALHER informed me that he had received this message direct from Mrs. L'HEUREUX, and that the gist of her message was to the effect that it was not known whether or not deceased was dead. That is why a doctor and the police were called, the doctor in case the victim should still be alive.

31. Father FALHER further informed me that he had received a letter from Julian LALONDE, prior to his leaving for Fort Saskatchewan, and he advised me of the contents thereof, which contains nothing of importance, excepting one sentence which states, quote, " I can't tell the whole story about." Father FALHER was good enough to forward this letter to High Prairie, and same was received through the Mail on the AM of the 23rd. Inst. I am also attaching this letter to this file.

32. Further experiments-w experiments were conducted at High Prairie with a cap and a .22 rifle. A cap was placed on a large turnip, and a .22 cartridge was fired at close quarters, endeavouring to fire at the same angle as the shot which had grazed the scalp of the Deceased. The result of this experiment was that the cap was shot away by the bullet and the force of the explosion a distance of three feet. According to Cpl. Faulkner the cap showed about the same amount of powder marks as that of the Deceased had, but Dr. WOOD did not agree to this. Dr. WOOD maintained that there was more powder marks on this cap than there was on the cap of the Deceased. At any rate, this experiment could disclose that a cap could be blown off a man's head by a .22 fired at close range, and that in this case, it had been blown three feet away.

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33. This day was taken in reviewing the whole of the P.T.O.