

views in Chilliwack. An emergency operation within hours of the shooting had saved the manager's life, although he did suffer some critical times for several days afterwards.

In 1975, after serving some time in prison in British Columbia, the suspect moved into rental accommodations with a fellow con he had met while in jail. Both were unemployed and spent most of their time drinking in Vancouver skid road beer parlours. While the suspect supported himself by crime, his friend did nothing, and was continually borrowing money. The suspect's constant money supply worried his friend and led him to believe that perhaps he had become a police informant.

Coupled with his concerns about the suspect's money sources was the stepped up city police surveillance of an associate they both knew was active in the drug scene. The friend began to voice his concerns to their other associates in the bar, which angered the suspect. This anger grew more intense as more money was loaned without repayment. The suspect decided to remedy the situation permanently by murdering his friend. He persuaded his friend to accompany him to Chilliwack, supposedly to break into a post office near the Armed Forces base there. Their target would be money orders in that office. The suspect convinced his friend there would be more than the usual amount because members of the Armed Forces used them regularly to send money home. They drove to Chilliwack in the suspect's car; upon arrival they went to a local beer parlour to drink and await darkness. This was all part of the suspect's plan. Consumption of beer, he believed, would cause both to have to stop to urinate after leaving the bar, which would afford him the opportunity to commit the murder.

They left the beer parlour later that evening and pulled off on a side road as planned. The friend got out of the car and the suspect did likewise, removing a hammer from under the driver's seat. The suspect walked around the car to where his friend was standing with his back to the roadway. As his friend turned to face him, the suspect raised the hammer and struck him several times in the head with it, killing him instantly.

Before placing the body in the trunk of the car, the suspect noticed a vehicle approaching. Thinking quickly, he went to the front of his car and lifted the hood. The approaching vehicle, a pick-up truck, slowed and stopped on the roadway beside his car. The suspect walked over to the passenger side and looked inside. There were three passengers in the truck — an older male driver, a female passenger and a young child. They offered assistance, but the suspect told them his car had just overheated. The driver pointed to his house further down the road and offered the use of his telephone should the suspect require it later; the truck then drove off.

After placing his friend's body in the trunk of the car, he drove off, returning to the freeway. He drove further east and left the highway on a dirt road near the eastern boundary of Chilliwack, intent on disposing of the body in a remote area of the woods along the road. Choosing a suitable spot, he removed the body from the trunk of the car and carried it into the woods. Before disposing of it, he removed all articles of identification, including the false teeth. He also stabbed the body numerous times to ensure no life remained. On the return drive to Vancouver, the suspect disposed of the teeth by throwing them from a highway bridge into the Fraser River.