

Paul's Dying Pleas Spurned by Slayers

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whole weight of terror was pressing on her. James, likewise, listened with bowed head and downcast eyes. The twitchings and turnings in his chair had ceased. He seemed too stunned by the awful arraignment of the prosecutor to so much as move his head. He sat hunched and passive under the lashing words.

When the prosecutor ended, the eyes that had been fixed on him were turned on the prisoner. James still sat as if stunned.

Story Holds Jury Tense Prosecutor Wolvertown held the jury tense as he told the story of the crime, as the state has reconstructed it from the evidence of witnesses and the confessions alleged to have been made by James and Shuck.

The prosecutor gave a wealth of detail, part of which had been kept secret by the men who have worked for more than two months solving the mystery of Paul's disappearance and death.

"The state will ask you to render a verdict of murder in the first degree," he said. "The basis for this will be found in the evidence, showing that the death of Paul resulted from blows inflicted while being robbed by this defendant and his confederate Shuck.

"The crimes act in this state is plain and explicit in this particular, stating that wherever the evidence in any case shows that death has resulted in perpetrating a robbery, the crime shall be murder in the first degree, and this statute applies equally to all who aid, assist or abet in the commission of the crime.

"It is the purpose of the state to present to you evidence that will show that the defendant James was intimately acquainted with Paul, and, because of common acquaintance, might be called intimate friends. That by reason of such intimacy the defendant was enabled to know that Paul, as bank runner or messenger, for the Broadway Trust Co., frequently carried large sums of money from the Broadway Trust Co. to the Girard National Bank, in Philadelphia.

Had \$40,000 in Cash "On Tuesday, October 5, Paul left the Broadway Trust Co. between 1 and 1:30 in the afternoon with checks amounting to \$50,000 and bank notes to the amount of \$40,000. One package of checks was to be left at the First National Bank, 1000 Market Street, Philadelphia, and the other package of checks and the \$40,000 in bank notes was to be delivered to the Girard National Bank.

The defendant James, had previously entered into an arrangement to meet Paul that afternoon about 1:30, at the garage, 60 North Second street, where James had an office, and to go to Philadelphia, together, in James' car.

The defendant accordingly met Paul on Second street, below the garage and near Arch street. Schuck, the defendant, was together in James' car at the time. Schuck was driving the car and James was sitting alongside of him. When they met Paul, James left the front seat and Paul, James and Paul took the front seat alongside of Schuck. They drove immediately to the First National Bank and stopped the car on the sidewalk at the corner of Market street, near Front, while Paul went into the bank. He was only there a few minutes and came out and got into the car again taking the front seat.

The car was then driven down Market street to Delaware avenue, where instead of continuing to the regular entrance of the ferry, a sharp turn was made and the car driven down Delaware the long shed that runs back away from the ferry. The space in the rear of this shed is sometimes used for the parking of cars.

First Assault Near Ferry Shed "After the car had been driven some distance back of the sheds, it was stopped, and James immediately struck Paul a blow on the head and started to drag him from the front seat to the back. In this he was assisted by Schuck. James again struck him and continued to strike him. The car was turned around and driven out of Delaware avenue again, and then north on Delaware street to Cooper or Penn street, and at about Fourth street, they crossed over to Market and on over the bridge crossing Cooper river. They continued over Federal street to the Marlton pike, then along Marlton pike to the road leading over to Forest Hill Park. The road between Marlton pike and the park is desolate and little frequented and here the car was stopped.

In the meantime, the car left the ferry and went along Delaware avenue and out Penn street or Cooper street. Paul asked them to take him to Cooper Hospital, and said he would say he had been held up at Delaware avenue and Schuck had found him and brought him to the hospital. Of course this was not done, and when they reached the out-of-way place between Marlton pike and the Baird avenue bridge leading into the park, and where the car was stopped, Paul seemed to have again regained his senses and begged them to let him go, and said if they wanted the money to take it, but to let him go.

Instead of heeding his cry to be released, he was again beaten over the head, first by James and then by

AT THE PAUL MURDER TRIAL



On the upper left is shown Justice Katzenbach, who is presiding in Camden at the trial of Frank J. James (upper right); below are Harold James, son of the confessed slayer, and his mother.

Shuck, with a piece of an iron spring about ten or twelve inches long and two and one-half inches wide and one-half inch thick. After this beating nothing further was heard from Paul and the car was started. Schuck continued to drive the car. The route the car took was over Baird avenue bridge through the park along Knight avenue extension to Marlton pike, along the pike to Marlton and Medford, taking back roads to circle both places, and continuing on to Tabersville and onto the pike woods until they reached a place called Iricks causeway.

Body Hidden in Marsh "The car was stopped at a little bridge over a small and shallow stream where the trees and underbrush were extremely heavy. In this out-of-way and unfrequented place the body of Paul was taken out of the car and carried by Schuck and James into the heavy underbrush and deposited in a soft, marshy place close to the edge of the brook and about twenty or thirty feet from the little bridge and the road.

"They immediately returned to the car and started to strip the left-hand rear door of its inside covering because it was stained with blood from Paul's head that had rested against it as he lay in the bottom of the car, dead. This covering and the upholstery tape the car had been inside covering because it was stained with blood from Paul's head that had rested against it as he lay in the bottom of the car, dead. This covering and the upholstery tape the car had been inside covering because it was stained with blood from Paul's head that had rested against it as he lay in the bottom of the car, dead.

"On Monday, October 11, the day after James returned, he came with his father-in-law to the prosecutor's office and while admitting that he had taken Paul to the ferry in his car, denied knowing what had become of him. At this time he also, in answer to questions, gave a detailed statement of where he had been from October 5 to October 11, and which statement, by subsequent investigations, was found to be untrue.

"It is also the purpose of the state to show that, when James returned to his home on Wednesday night, the day following the crime, he took his car for a new seat purchased and now floor boards put in place. At the garage where this work was done, James requested the garage owner to replace the new seat with an old one, to avoid any suspicion that his wife might have.

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at the prosecutor's office on the Monday night he appeared there. "The state will also show that on Thursday, October 14, this defendant and Shuck went back to the place in the pike woods, where the body had been placed, for the purpose of burying it so as to prevent discovery. On the way there they stopped and purchased shoes and a radio. The radio was not necessary and was bought merely as a blind. The shovels were used to dig the grave. An effort was first made to dig the grave close by the body, but they were unable to do so on account of the roots of trees and underbrush. They then went along the road for about seventy-five yards until they found a sandy place some ten or fifteen yards from the road. Here they dug a small trench about four feet long and two and one-half to three feet deep.

"They then returned to the body and carried it from the bushes and trees to the road, and being difficult to carry they took a rope out of the car, with which they tied the feet together and attached the other end to the back of the automobile. The car was started and the body dragged up the road to a point opposite the trench. It was then carried and dragged to the grave and deposited. The trench not being long enough, it was necessary to fold the legs over the body toward the head, in this position the body was covered with earth and left. There was also thrown into the grave the coat belonging to Paul and which had been pulled off as the body was dragged up the road. In this coat was found the package of checks that were to have been delivered to the Girard National Bank.

Tells of Finding Body "After the burial of the body, they threw the shovels away as they came through the woods and then returned to their homes. "The body of Paul was found Saturday afternoon, October 16, just two days after its burial, by a party of gunners who immediately notified the authorities. As soon as the body was located, it was taken to the office of James was ordered.

"After his arrest on October 16, he continued to deny any knowledge of the crime, but gave the same explanation of his movements as he had previously given in the prosecutor's office. This was to the effect that after leaving Paul at the ferry, October 5, he met a girl whom he did not know and took her to a bungalow at Clementon, remained there Tuesday and Wednesday, and then brought her back to Camden and went home Wednesday night. That Thursday he went back to the bungalow and remained there until Sunday when he returned to his father's house.

"The defendant maintained he knew nothing of the crime as will appear by the several conversations he had with officers, but finally made a confession which will be offered in evidence and in which the defendant admits the facts

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of this case as they have been outlined to you in this opening of the state's case."

Jury Completed Quickly The tenth, eleventh and twelfth members of the jury were chosen this morning, the other jurors having been selected yesterday. Today the first foreman examined was Isaac Shaw, a Negro. He was challenged by the defense.

Death Penalty Opposed Joseph Keegan of Haddon Heights, who is almost blind, was the second man examined. He is an employee of Justice Katzenbach. William Sergeant, a retired member of the Philadelphia bar, living in Winslow township, was challenged for cause and the challenge allowed when he said he was unalterably opposed to capital punishment, and would not assent to a first degree verdict under any circumstances.

The state used another of its twenty peremptory challenges, and the prosecution nine of its legal allowance of twelve. One of the takersmen, Louis A. Powell, of Gloucester City, was so emphatic in his insistence that he had formed an unshakable opinion on the case, that Judge States discharged him from all jury service with the present panel.

He had answered that his mind was made up about the guilt or innocence of James. "Do you wish the court to understand," demanded Justice Katzenbach, "that you would violate your oath as a juror and not render a decision to the evidence, but according to your own opinion?" "I think I would be guided by my own opinion," he answered.

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been challenged for cause or pre-emptorily, it would have been necessary to get another venire. He is a farmer, of Blackwood, and told the court that he had read scarcely anything about the case, and knew neither of the defendants. By the time he had been chosen the defense had exhausted sixteen of its twenty peremptory challenges, and the prosecution nine of its legal allowance of twelve.

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