

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

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SUBJECT: MURDER OF GAIL OLENA MILLER, DOB Sept. 13/48 OCCURRENCE NUMBER: 641/69

TIME: 8:40 AM DATE: Jan. 31st/69 ORIGINAL COMPLAINT NUMBER 20172

FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF COMPLAINANT \_\_\_\_\_  
POSITION IN FIRM: Mrs. Hattie HNATIUK

ADDRESS OF FIRM: 219 Ave. N South TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER: D/Sgt. REID and PARKER DIVISION Det.

FURTHER POLICE ACTION NECESSARY: Mrs. Hattie HNATIUK reports a woman lying in the laneway of the 200 Blk. Ave. N South at approx. 8:40 AM, January 31st, 1969.

DIVISION ASSIGNED TO: This woman later found out to be Gail Olena MILLER, DOB Sept. 13th, 1948, of 130 Ave. O South, employed as a Nursing Assistant, City Hospital, and parents reside at Box 211 Laura, Sask., father's name Milton MILLER,

J. PARKER, Det.

INVESTIGATION: FURTHER TO THIS OCCURRENCE:

PROPERTY VALUES \_\_\_\_\_  
DEVALUED VALUES \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: JAN 31 1969  
ENGINEER: \_\_\_\_\_  
At approx. 8:40 AM, Jan. 31st, 1969 D/Sgt. REID and myself received a radio call from Supt. WOOD to proceed to the 200 Blk. Ave. N South regarding a suspicious person in the lane. The complaint came from 219 Ave. N South. Upon arriving the following was learned. We arrived proceeding south in the west lane of the 200 Blk. Ave. N South and observed a blue blanket lying over a body of a woman. A Ray MURDOCK and a Terry MICHAYLIUK, from Westwood Funeral Home were present and upon lifting up this blue blanket we noticed a woman lying face down, head facing south directly opposite the south fence of 211 Ave. N South in the snow bank. There appeared to have been a scuffle taken place there, also there were spots of blood in the snow and the woman's clothing was disarranged. At 8:50 I checked the pulse on the right wrist, found nothing and the body appeared to be frozen, however you could still move the limbs. This woman had a coat on, a black cloth, no hat, still had her gold coloured wrist watch on her left wrist, no right shoe, she still had the left shoe on, the nylon on the right leg was down to her ankle, also underclothing was down near her ankles, appeared to be covered with blood, also her white dress was down to approx. her waist, she had a brassiere on, and the right shoulder strap was broken on the brassiere exposing her breast.

Supt. WOOD was contacted and was asked for Identification Dept. to assist, also for a coroner to be called.

D/Sgt. REID left and went to Westwood Memorial Chapel along with Ray MURDOCK and Terry MICHAYLIUK to interview a girl who apparently found the body. Her name is Mary MARGOLY of 104 Ave. N South, age 11 years. She apparently saw the HNATIUK boys and they all went to HNATIUK's, 219 Ave. N South where Mrs. Hattie HNATIUK made the phone call to the Police Dept. in regards to this woman.

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OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

FURTHER POLICE ACTION NECESSARY:

At approx. 9:00 AM, Ident. Dept. arrived, they were Lt. PENKALA, I/O KLEIV, and WINTER, they made measurements and took photos of same.

DIVISION ASSIGNED TO:

At 9:45 AM, Det. Sidney FOGEL, coroner, arrived, from the north in the land. He declared the person dead and took body temperature under right armpit, which was 50 deg. F., it should be noted at this time it was approx. 35 deg. below zero.

INVESTIGATION:

Dr. FOGEL's opinion was that she could have died at approx. 6:00 AM this date.

PROPERTY VALUE:\$

Upon turning the body over face up, noticed a name plate on the dress in the name of Miss G. MILLER, on top of this name plate was a Nursing Assistant pin.

RECOVERED VALUES\$

After this person was turned over we noticed numerous cuts to the neck of this body, also breast and abdomen, which may have been caused by a sharp knife or other type of instrument.

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At 10:00 AM, D/Sgt. REID and myself left the scene and Pay's Ambulance took the body accompanied by I/O KLEIVE to the St. Pauls Hospital Emergency.

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The name of the employees of Ray's Ambulance are as follows: Brian DUECK, 18 years of 116 Ave. H North and Peter FUNK of 116 Ave. H North. This address being Ray's Ambulance.

Ident. Lt. PENKALA and WINTER remained at the scene

At 10:05 AM D/Sgt. REID and myself called at the Personnel Office St. Pauls Hospital and interviewed a Bruce BAILEY Personell Manager and inquired if they had any person by the name of G. MILLER employed there, he checked his records and found that they didn't he then made a phone call to City Hospital and as a result he found that they had a Gail MILLER working for them. D/Sgt. REID and myself then left St. Pauls Hospital and at 10:35 AM we called at the Police Station and notified Supt. WOOD personally about the above.

At 10:40 AM we called at the City Hospital Personell Office and spoke to a Mr. Ralph VAN NES Manager of Personell, he stated that he had a Gail Olen a MILLER employed there as a Nursing Assistant, gave her address as 1225-15th St. East, however upon further checking it was learned that this was the wrong address and that she had moved. He gave us the name of the next of kin, Milton MILLER of Box 211, Laura, Sask. and also we interviewed a Miss Edith SHANNON, Head Nurse, Children's Ward, where Gail MILLER worked and no information could be gained there except that Gail MILLER worked from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Jan. 30th and was supposed to work the same hours on Jan. 31st, however she did not show up and she had a phone number there, #652-5112, however upon phoning that she could receive

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FURTHER POLICE ACTION NECESSARY:

DIVISION ASSIGNED TO:

INVESTIGATION:

PROPERTY VALUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RECOVERED VALUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 5-1-69

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no answer. We then spoke to one Vickie FONTAINE, age 20, of 1331 Main St. who was employed in the Children's Ward as a Nursing Assistant, and she stated that she knew Gail Olena MILLER for approx. a year and a half, she trained with her, and also stated that she lived on Ave. O someplace, however did not know the address. She was then asked if she could identify Gail MILLER if she saw her and she stated she could, she was then asked if she would come with us and look at the person which was found earlier this date and she agreed to do so.

At 11:25 AM, we left City Hospital along with Vickie FONTAINE and proceeded to St. Pauls Hospital, arriving there at 11:40 AM. We then went to Emergency Room #3, and Vickie FONTAINE identified Gail MILLER in the presence of D/Sgt. REID and I/O KLEIV. This is the same person as Vickie FONTAINE identified as the person that was found in the lane in the 200 Blk. Ave. N South at approx. 8:40 AM this date.

At 12:05 PM this date we left St. Pauls Hospital.

At 12:10 PM we called at 130 Ave. O South and checked the building and received no answers from any of the doors. The reason this address was checked was that we contacted Supt. WOOD in regards to the phone number 652-5112 and he got the listing of 130 Ave. O South.

At 2:25 PM D/Sgt. REID took a statement from Mrs. Hattie HNATIUK, 219 Ave. N South in regards to this matter. At this time I then searched the lane and the area where this murder apparently took place and at 2:30 PM I located a red and black sweater which was inside out and also a black coloured snow boot, these were burried in the snow approx. 11 paces east of the north and south alley of the 200 Blk. Ave. N South, also it was approx. one foot north of the travelled portion of this laneway. It was definately burried and not just thrown in the snow. These articles were placed in my locker and are still in my possession. This snow boot was for the right foot and it appears to be the same kind as the one missing from the victim.

At approx. 3:00 PM I called at St. Pauls Hospital, autopsy room and spoke to I/O KLEIV and he showed me the boot that the victim had on her, and the one I found appeared to be the same type and was for the opposite foot.

At 2:55 PM D/Sgt. REID took a witness statement from a Mr. Ray MURDOCK of Westwood Funeral Chapel, 1402-20th St. West, also at 3:20 PM he took a witness statement form from a Terry MICHAYLIUK, of the same address, these statements were taken in regards to the above matter.

After this was completed we returned to the Police Station Det. Office and met with Supt. WOOD and other members of the Dept. and they were informed of our investigation to date.

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