

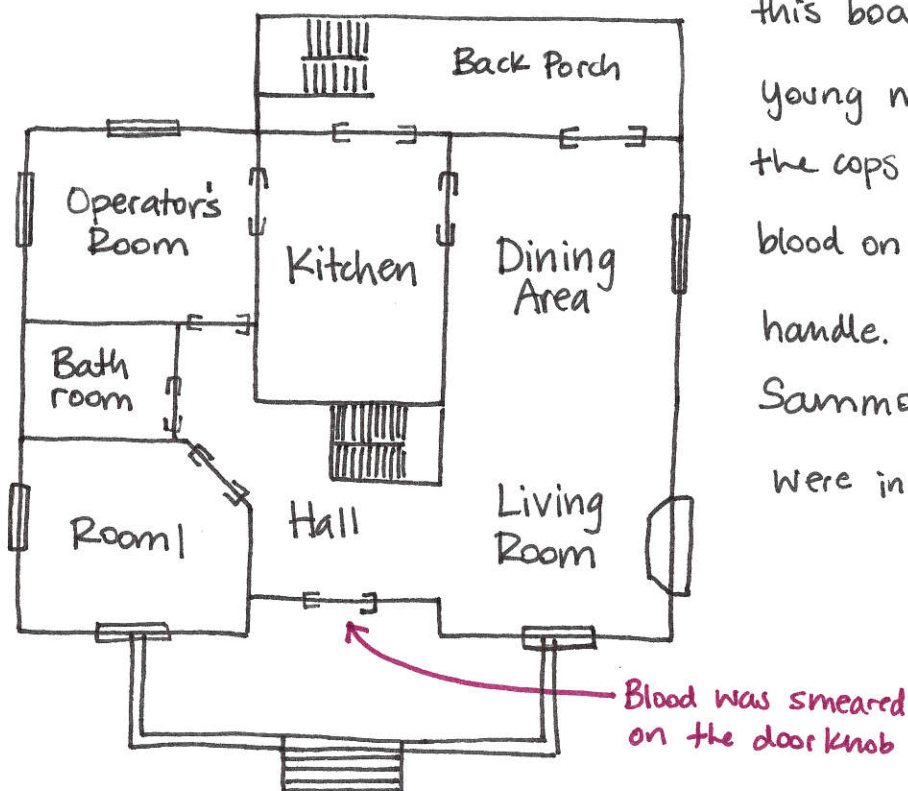
The Blue Ridge Murder

THE SEARCH

As soon as word of the robbery spread, a posse was formed. Law enforcement officials from three counties (Fort Bend, Harris, and Brazoria) came together to search Blue Ridge. Every oil field worker was tracked down and their alibi checked. Two men were arrested who had been found sleeping in the woods near Stafford, with recently fired weapons in their possession.

One of the buildings that was of special interest - especially to officer "Doc" Sammon - was one of the local boarding houses. The robber/murderer had been seen running in the direction of

this boarding house by the young messenger boy. When the cops arrived, they found blood on the front door handle. This made Doc Sammon certain they were in the right place.

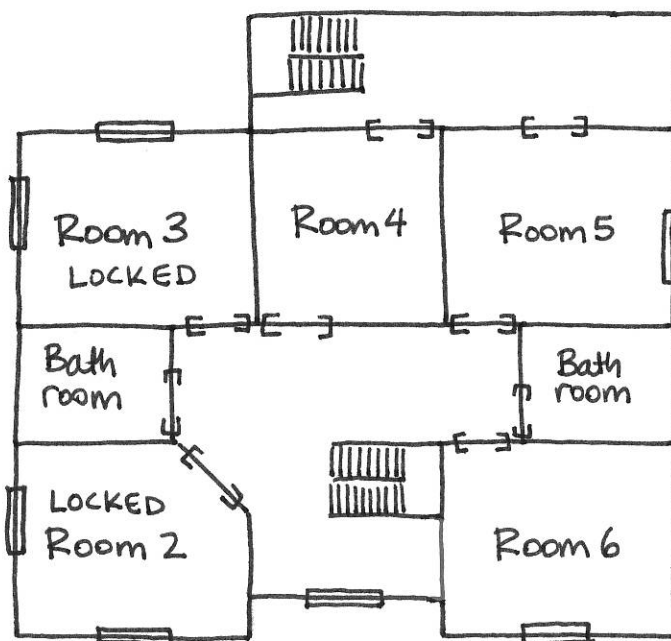


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THE SEARCH 2

This particular boarding house was operated by [Suspect #5] When the cops arrived, she was less than helpful. She was in the middle of her daily cleaning of the communal spaces (living and dining areas), and she was close to being done. She had been cleaning since she finished up the 8am breakfast, and wasn't going to stop until she was done.

Each of the bedrooms of the house were to be searched for evidence. However, two rooms were locked (Room two and three) and their occupants were no where to be found. The cops asked [Suspect #5] for a list of who was staying at the boarding house



at that time. She promised to get them a list and look for the master keys after the living room was clean.










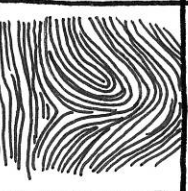
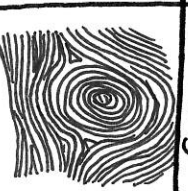

Name: Suspect #1
Occupation: oil field worker

Description: Age 20 (1901);
Height 6'-2 1/2"; weight 150lb;
Build stocky; Hair Dark Brown
Eyes Blue

Location: Asleep in the woods
near Stafford - along with
Suspect #2



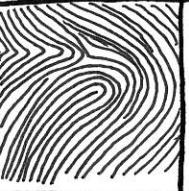


Found with: a recently fired
revolver (.22 caliber)

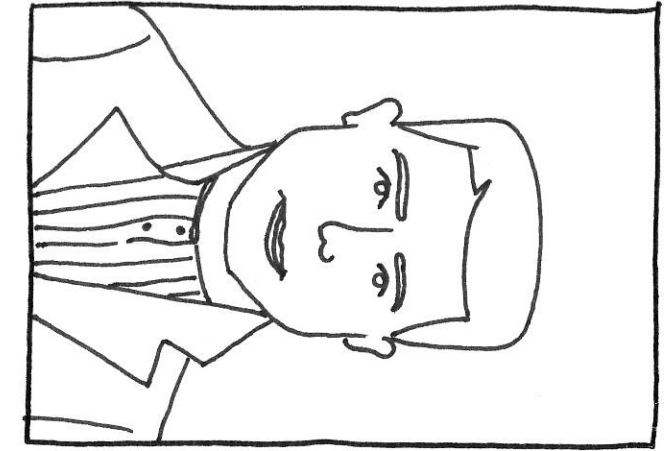
RIGHT HAND				
R. Thumb	R. Fore	R. Middle	R. Ring	R. Pinky
				

LEFT HAND				
L. Thumb	L. Fore	L. Middle	L. Ring	L. Pinky
				

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SUSPECTS Murder ARRESTED

RIGHT HAND				
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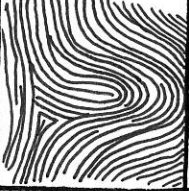

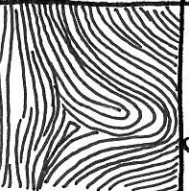



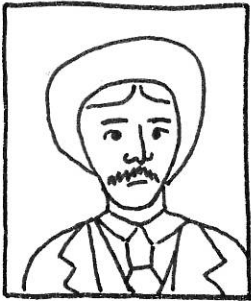
Name: Suspect #2
Occupation: oil field worker

Description: Age 21 (1901)
Height 5'-9 1/2"; weight 152lb;
Build - trim; Hair Black;
Eyes Brown

Location: Asleep in the woods
near Stafford - along with
Suspect #1

Found with: a recently fired
revolver (.45 caliber)

LEFT HAND				
L. Thumb	L. Fore	L. Middle	L. Ring	L. Pinky
				



Witness Statement

Name: Frank Gafford

"I live about three miles away from Blue Ridge, but I was in town running a few errands on February 15th and so I was near that new bank around 9-10am. I heard what I was certain to be three gun shots at that time. They seemed pretty muffled, so I thought nothing of it."

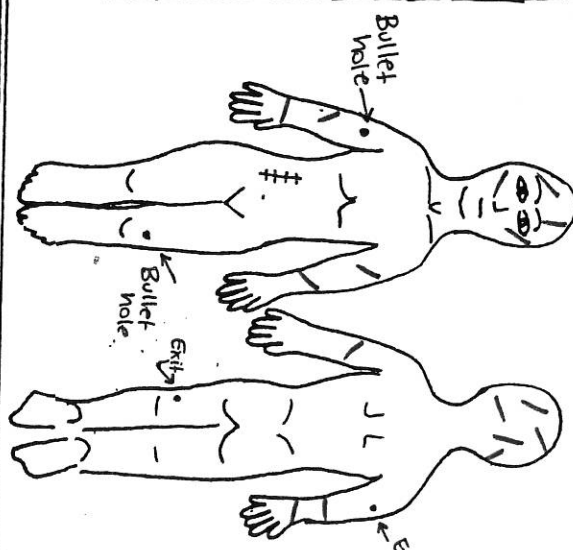
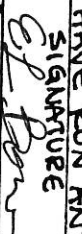


Witness Statement

Name: Sarah Smith

"My roommate (Mabel Allen) and I were having a late breakfast when we heard a car race away down the street in front of our house. When we went outside to see what was going on, we found that the car had left so quickly, it had thrown dirt onto our house."

The two women live across the street from the bank.

DECEASED (FIRST, MIDDLE LAST)				Robert Lee Kirby			
ADDRESS		CITY/ST		ZIP		Sid Westheimer	
501 Front St.		Blue Ridge, TX		77459		Undertaking company of Houston	
RACE	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	Report +			
W	M	28	Bank Cashier				
TYPE OF DEATH							
Homicide							
DESCRIPTION OF BODY							
CLOTHED		UNCLOTHED		PARTLY CLOTHED			
EYES	HAIR	MUSTACHE	BEARD	WT	HT		
Blue	Brown			115 lbs	5'4"		
MARKS AND WOUNDS							
-Two bullet holes (one in the arm and one in the leg) Both missed all major organs and arteries							
-No less than ten blunt force trauma wounds to the head, neck, and arms							
-Defensive wounds are present indicating that the deceased fought his attacker							
-There is a healed incision on the abdomen from a recent surgery. The wound is healed, but the deceased might have still been weakened/in recovery.							
							
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<input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING							
PROBABLE CAUSE OF DEATH Repeated blunt force blows to the head							
THE INFORMATION STATED HERE IS TRUE AND CORRECT BASED ON THE TESTS I HAVE RUN AND EVIDENCE FOUND							
DATE		SIGNATURE		WRITTEN NAME			
2/16/1921				E.L. BOWERS			
CASE NO	CASE ASSIGNED TO	ID	RELATED CASES				
215192115	"Doc" Sammon						