

The Blue Ridge — Murder —

THE
SEARCH
CONTINUES

When the police went back to the boarding house later that day, [Suspect #5] was nowhere to be found. Luckily, before they started to kick down doors, one of the other boarders showed them how to jimmy the doors open. When questioned, the helpful boarder, Waddell Pitts, also gave a description of all of the other boarders and in which rooms they lived.

Both of the previously unsearched rooms had objects of interest to the cops. Room two had a rolled up stack of cash hidden in a jar under the bed. The total was close to \$1,000. Room three had blood on a number of things in the room: the washstand, the windowshade, the bureau, a talcum powder tin, a sweat band from a cap, and other furniture in the room.

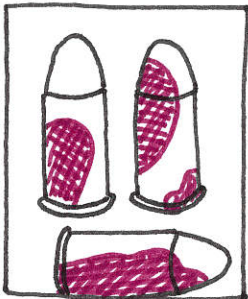




Witness Statement

Name: Waddell Pitts

"Room one is where Henry Black is staying. He works in the oil field, and I think you met him yesterday. Room six is my room. Room three is where [Suspect #4] is staying. He has been here at least two weeks, I have seen him hanging about the living room. I am not really sure if he has a job. Room five is where Eric Johnson has been staying, he is a nice guy, works in the oil field. [Suspect #3] lives in room two, I haven't seen him in about a day, but I know that he has a girlfriend over in Missouri City. They might be fighting, because he tends to stick close to her when they are having problems. Room four is James Woods, he works at the pharmacy."



Evidence Collected

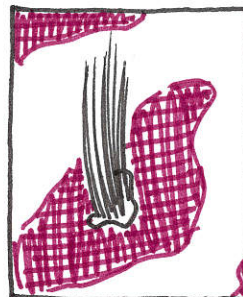
Case #: 215192115

Exhibit #: 7, 8, 9

Location found: Room three
of the Boarding house - on a
window sill

Notes: These Colt .45 bullet
cartridges were found covered in
smears of blood on the
window sill of the room.

Investigating Officer: Doc Sammon



Evidence Collected

Case #: 215192115

Exhibit #: 10

Location found: Near the wash
basin of room three at the
boarding house.

Notes: These strands of
brown hair were found in a blood
soaked towel. They appear to be the
same color as the victim's hair.

Investigating Officer: Doc Sammon

The Blue Ridge Murder

SUSPECT
THREE

Lee Sparks asked around Blue Ridge to see if anyone else knew anything more about [suspect #3]. He found out that his girlfriend's name was Florence Davis and she lived with her family in nearby Missouri City. Sparks first called the Davis family, and was told that Florence had run off to be married to some man she had just met, not [suspect #3].

Mr. Davis told Sparks that [suspect #3] had been to the Davis home the day before. [suspect #3] had only been working in Blue Ridge to save up enough money to afford a down payment on a home so that he and Florence could be married. When [suspect #3] arrived at the Davis home and found out about Florence, he was gutted. Mr. Davis swore that

[suspect #3] muttered something about coming into a lot of money as he walked away.

Sparks managed to track down [suspect #3] at a nearby restaurant. [suspect #3] had found, and consumed a vast quantity of illegal alcohol, and was pretty incoherent. Sparks made the arrest and took [suspect #3] to lock up to sober up.



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Murder

SUSPECTS
4 & 5

While Officer Lee Sparks headed to Missouri City to try and find [Suspect #3], Doc Sammon headed to Houston to see if [Suspect #4] was hiding out there. He found that [Suspect #4] had checked into the Milby hotel, and so had [Suspect #5]. They were one floor apart in the hotel, so the police split up to arrest both. When the police knocked on the door, [Suspect #4] didn't answer it immediately. He only opened the door when they threatened to shoot off the lock. When they searched his room, they found a loaded gun under the covers of the bed. They also noted that the toilet was running, and he could have potentially flushed evidence.

In the room of [Suspect #5], a .45 gun was found that had congealed blood in all of its crevices. They also found \$700 in Liberty bonds. [Suspect #5] seemed surprised to see the .45 in her room.





Name: Suspect #3

Occupation: Oil field worker

Description: Age 24 (1897);

Height 5'-8³/₄"; weight 125;



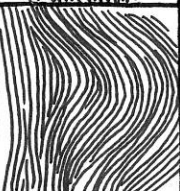


Build Slight; hair dk. brown;





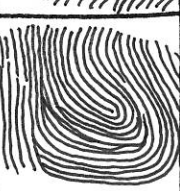
Eyes green

Location: At a bar in

Missouri City

Found with: a photograph of his girl friend - who ran off with another man

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

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

THE BLUE RIDGE

MURDER SUSPECTS ARRESTED



Name: Suspect #4

Occupation: machinist

Description: Age 28 (1893)

Height 5'-10"; weight 135;






Build Slight; hair color Black;

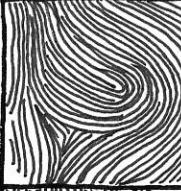




Eye color Brown.

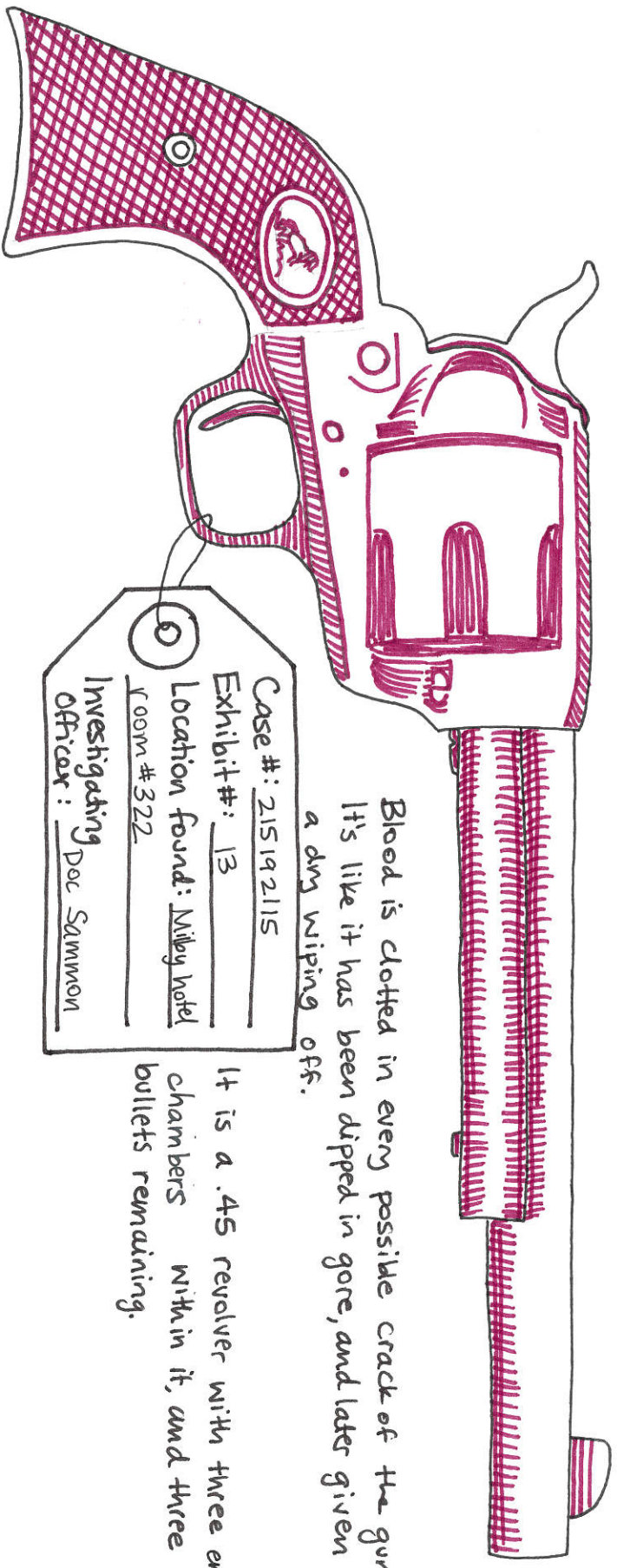
Location: Milky hotel in

Houston - room #222

Found with: .38 caliber weapon

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

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



Blood is clotted in every possible crack of the gun.
It's like it has been dipped in gore, and later given
a dry wiping off.

It is a .45 revolver with three empty
chambers within it, and three
bullets remaining.



Name: Suspect #5

Occupation: Operator of a

Boarding house in Blue Ridge

Description: Age 30 (1891)

Height 5'-8"; Weight 113lbs;

Build willow ; Hair color blonde;






Eye color green

Location: Milky Hotel in

Houston - room #322

Found with: .45 revolver [exhibit] 13

that is covered in blood.
#700 in Liberty bonds

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

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