The Blue Ridge Murder

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 windowsill 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
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.
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 concealed 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 

**Description:** Age 30 (1841)

**Occupation:** Operator of a brothel in Blue Ridge

**Location Found:** Milby Hotel in Houston - Room #322

**Height:** 5'8" Weight 113 lbs.

**Hair Color:** Light brown, brown hair

**Eye Color:** Green

**Description:** Found in a revolver casing

**Exhibit #:** 13

**Case #:** 21512115

**Characteristics:** Bullets remaining in chambers, without lint and three empty chambers. It is a .45 revolver with three empty chambers. A dark residue off.

**Notes:**
- A dark residue off.
- Blood is clothed in every possible crack of the gun.
- A piece of blood covered in light green paint.