

# Man Killed By Bullet Through Window

Louis Conrad, 61, Hatwai, was cut down last night by a mysterious bullet—apparently fired deliberately—as he stood in his self-service gasoline station on the North & South Highway 3 miles east of the city limits.

Conrad's body was found about 10 p. m. by his wife when she stopped by the station to bring him his evening lunch.

The bullet was fired from outside through the northeast corner of the window in front of the station. Conrad was evidently standing in front of the window when the shot was fired and was killed by a bullet through the heart.

Officers theorized that the shot was deliberate.

Caliber of the bullet was still unknown early this morning when the body was taken to the Brower-Wann Funeral Home. Coroner Kermit Malcom said an autopsy is planned. The bullet entered the left side of the chest, close to the heart.

## Robbery Suspected

Robbery was apparently the motive for the shooting, Sheriff W. W. Hays said. The cash drawer from the station was taken. A \$10 bill was found lying in the gravel near one of the gasoline pumps.

Mrs. Conrad, in a state of shock, was unable to shed any light on the crime as she talked with officers late last night and early this morning.

Time of the shooting was placed at 8:30 by Malcom, who said Mrs. Conrad told him that a man came to their Hatwai home between 8:30 and 9 seeing Conrad. He told Mrs. Conrad that the "lights" were not on in front of the station when he stopped by. Mrs. Conrad told Malcom that her husband turned out the lights in front of the station between 8 and 8:30 each night.

She was unable to identify the man who stopped by to ask for her husband.

Mrs. Conrad called sheriff's officers and state police to the scene after she discovered her husband's body lying on the floor of the station.

Investigating the crime were Lewiston police, Sheriff W. W. Hays, State Police Lt. C. R. Love and Deputy Paul Gilman. Prosecutor Wynne M. Blake was called into the case early this morning.

Conrad was born Jan. 15, 1892 at Provo, Utah, and resided there until 1912. He lived in Canada from 1912 to 1942 and then moved to Spokane. He moved to Lewiston in 1947 to open his self-service gasoline station.

He is survived by four sons, Rex and Clarence, Spokane; Wayne, Tabor, Alberta, Canada; and Stanley, Logan, Utah; one daughter, Mrs. LaRou Everett, Spokane; two sisters, Mrs. Mel Cherrington and Mrs. Eva Walker, both of Provo; and one brother, Arthur, Tabor, Alberta.

The body is at the Brower-Wann Funeral Home. Arrangements are pending.



**BULLET HOLE** — State Police Lt. C. R. (Bob) Love is shown pointing to the bullet hole (arrow) in the window of the Louis Conrad service station, Hatwai, where Conrad, the operator, was fatally shot last night. Conrad's body is to the right of the bullet hole. He was standing in front of the desk when shot.



**WIDOW** — Mrs. Louis Conrad, second from left, is shown last night at the scene of her husband's death. Conrad, operator of a self-service gasoline station at Hatwai, was fatally shot about 8:30. Facing Mrs. Conrad is Kermit Malcom, Nez Perce County coroner. Other two are not identified. (Tribune photos.)

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