

us of apparent suicide in 1925

ange was scattered around it; there was a dollar bill on the ground beside the car, and a rock had been thrown through one of its windows.

Oliphant, 58, had been born in Monroe County in the Buena Vista neighborhood but at the time of his death was living in Vincennes. The first known people to see him alive were neighbors of his sister. He had left Vincennes that morning and

stopped at her home in Greene County, but she and her husband were out.

On May 5, 1925, the *Evening World* was still speculating about the death. "A man has been found who says he saw Oliphant and a stranger driving together in the Oliphant car east of Bloomfield on the Bloomington-Bloomfield Road Wednesday afternoon. The identity of this man is being sought so as to trace the movements of Oliphant

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Two other pieces of the puzzle were unexplained: The car was on the north side of the road turned toward Bloomfield, rather than Bloomington, and Oliphant was freshly shaven, possibly in Bloomington. Too, his death happened in broad daylight.

How did he die? The question was never answered, even after the

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