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SAFIR, GOODMAN KILLED SID BARRIER

CORONER'S JURY RETURNED A VERDICT YESTERDAY TO THIS EFFECT.

After a Thorough Investigation Jury Comes to This Conclusion and Goodman is Arrested—The Testimony in Detail.

The coroner's jury held a further investigation yesterday in the Barrier murder case and after examining all the men who were at the near beer stand and several others who were not present when the murder was committed, but were called in order that every possible act could be ascertained by them, at the conclusion of the testimony the jury returned the following verdict:

"That Sid Barrier came to his death by a pistol shot in the hands of one Robert Goodman."

The following is the testimony of the important witnesses examined:

Jim Platt's Testimony.

Who was at the near beer stand when the shooting occurred?

John Safrit, John Blackwelder, Luther Penninger, George Motley, Bob and Bud Goodman, Sid Barrier and myself.

Did you have any trouble with anyone?

I never had a cross word with anybody.

Who did have trouble?

Safrit and Barrier had a little dispute and Motley said something to Blackwelder, but apologized for it and never made anyone mad.

At the time the shot was fired who were the people inside the stand?

Bud Goodman, J. T. Platt, George Motley, Penninger, Blackwelder, Safrit and Conrad Lipe were all inside.

Who were on the outside?

Bob Goodman and Sid Barrier.

Where were they?

Just outside the door.

Were both together?

Yes.

Did you see anyone shoot?

I saw the flash of the gun.

Who do you think did the shooting?

I think Bob Goodman done it.

What position was Goodman and Barrier standing when the shot was fired?

They were in a struggle when the shot was fired. Barrier fell and left Goodman standing alone.

Which side was Barrier on when they were standing?

Goodman was on the right hand side.

Where were you when the shot was fired?

I was just inside.

Did those fellows have any trouble on the inside?

Safrit and Sid had a little trouble.

Did Bob and Sid have any trouble?

Not that I know of except Bob took him out.

Did you see anybody have a pistol there?

Yes, two, George Motley and Bob Goodman.

Were they loaded?

The one Motley had was not, the one Bob had was.

Did you have a conversation about a pistol?

I seen it, he showed it to me in the road.

Did he have it out in the beer stand?

No, sir.

What did you do with yours?

I did not have one.

At the time you saw Goodman's pistol were you in the road?

Yes.

Was no one there but you two?

No, sir.

Do you know whether Bob's pistol was loaded or not?

I don't know except what he told me.

How come him to show you the pistol?

Bob told me to walk up to his sister's with him and while there he asked Charley Earnhardt for a pistol and coming back he showed it to me.

Do you think you would know what kind it was?

No it was in the dark.

Do you think you would recognize the pistol?

I don't know, I think I could.

What did he say when he showed it to you?

He said "I got a pistol" and pulled it out of one pocket and put it back in another pocket.

Had this trouble started before he went to get the pistol?

No.

Why do you think he went after the pistol?

I don't know; he was just going and asked me to walk up there with him.

Did Bob try to take Sid out of the place by force?

Yes, he had hold of him.

Where was Bud standing when they went out the door?

Behind the counter.

Where were you?

In front of the counter.

Who else was in front of the counter?

George Motley was sitting on a barrel just in front of me.

Was there a mule and buggy outside?

Yes, mine was.

Where did you go when the shooting occurred?

To Charley Earnhardt's.

What did you tell him?

I told him Sid Barrier was shot?

Did you tell him who shot him?

No, he didn't ask me.

Had Sid and Bob had any trouble during the night?

No, sir; not that I know of.

Who went with you to Earnhardt's after the shooting?

I went by myself.

What did you go there for?

To tell him Sid was shot.

Was the boys drunk much?

Near beer was all I saw drunk; I didn't see anybody drunk.

Was Sid drunk?

He was drinking; we all were.

Was that an automatic pistol Bob borrowed?

It was just a pistol.

Who was the closest person to the door when the shot was fired?

There wasn't any difference between Safrit and Blackwelder.

Who caught Sid when he fell?

Nobody caught him.

Did you see him fall?

Yes.

Did he fall on his back?

Yes.

Who was the first one to reach him?

Bud Goodman; he ran out and said Bob was shot and then said it was Sid Barrier.

What did Bob do?

He stayed there with the rest.

Was Sid trying to fight Bob?

No.

Didn't Sid call Bob a ---?

Not that I heard.

Who went with you?

George Motley.

Who came back with you?

I came back by myself.

What did you do with your pistol?

I didn't have any.

George Motley Testifies.

Tell of the affair that happened Saturday night.

Jim Platt and went to the gang to hire a man and come back by the near beer stand and stopped. Safrit and Sid Barrier got into a scuffle and Bob Goodman run and grabbed Sid and they kept scuffling and said he was going out and Bob said "take him out" and just as they got to the door I saw a flash and Sid fell right at Bob's feet. Bud was standing right behind the counter and ran out the door and said, "Bob is shot" then he said, "No it is Sid."

Who was in the beer stand before the shooting?

It was the first time I was ever there and some of them I didn't know, but Penninger, Blackwelder, Safrit, Jim Platt, Bob and Bud Goodman and other fellow I didn't know and myself.

Where were you when the shot was fired?

About the middle of the store.

Where was Platt?

Standing behind the counter talking to Bud, who was trying to get us to stay all night with him.

Who shot Sid Barrier?

Bob Goodman shot him.

How did he fall?

He fell backwards with his head against the door.

What did Bob do when Barrier fell?

He just stood there and looked at him.

Where did Bob go?

If he went anywhere I don't know it.

What did you tell Sheriff Honeycut that night?

I told him I was innocent and could tell who killed Sid Barrier.

Which side of Sid was Bob on when the shot was fired?

I don't know.

Did you see any pistol?

No, sir.

Did you have one?

Yes, sir, a number 25 Colts that I bought from Mr. Charley Ritchie Saturday morning but never had any cartridges in it.

What did you do with it?

I left it at the City Cafe.

Why did you do that?

I thought they might search me and arrest me for carrying a concealed weapon.

Was Bob and Sid mad when they went out the door?

Yes they were fussing.

Safrit's Testimony.

You were at the beer stand Saturday night?

Yes.

State what happened before the shooting?

We were all sitting around the house having a general conversation. We got to talking about the railroad and I told Sid nobody would know where the railroad would go until the

bonds were issued. Sid flew up in a passion and pushed me against the door. Bud said we would have to go outside if we wanted to fight and Sid challenged me and went out the door.

Who went out with him?

I can't say but I think little Bob Goodman was tending near the door and Sid slapped him on the shoulder but I can't say that he went out with him.

Where were Bob and Sid when the shot was fired?

Sid was just on the outside of the door.

Where was Bob?

I just don't know. I saw Sid slap him on the shoulder but I can't say he went out.

Who were on the inside when the shot was fired?

Bud, Blackwelder, Penninger, Lipe and myself.

Who were on the outside?

I couldn't say.

Was anyone outside?

Not that I know of.

Before the shooting occurred was there anyone at the beer stand besides those you have named?

Plott and Motley.

Where were they when the shooting occurred?

I can't tell you. If they were in the stand I have no recollection of it.

At the time of the shooting who were closest to the door?

Bob and Sid were closest and Bud and I were next.

You heard the shot?

Yes, sir; but I never saw the flash.

Who did you see when you got on the outside?

I only recollect seeing Bud laying the dead man down.

Did Sid and Bob have any trouble?

Not that I know of.

Did Bob try to put Sid out?

I can't say; it might be possible, that he shoved him when he put his hand on his shoulder.

Did you see a pistol?

I seen Mr. Motley's but he said he did not have any cartridges for it.

What kind was it?

Automatic 25.

C. O. Earnhardt's Testimony.

Did anybody come to your house Saturday night?

Somebody came after the killing but I did not let them in. He said his name was Platt and that he had something to tell me. I told him to tell me from the outside. He said a mule was shot down there and about that time Conrad Lipe said that it was not a mule but Sid Barrier that was shot.

Was Bob Goodman at your house that night?

No, sir; not that I know of.

Do you know Jim Platt?

No, sir.

Did Bob Goodman and Jim Platt come to your house that night?

Not that I know of.

Did anyone borrow a pistol from you that night?

No; I haven't got a pistol.

You found a pistol next morning?

Yes.

Where did you find it?

In the field across from the near beer stand.

Do you know whose pistol it was?

No.

Was the pistol loaded?

Yes; four loads in it.

Where did the pistol get to?

Bud sent his little brother, Roxie, over there and told me that he wanted to see it and I sent it over to him.

Jim Blackwelder's Testimony.

Who was at the beer stand Saturday night?

I don't know all of them; Bud Goodman, Bob Goodman, Conrad Lipe, Sid Barrier, myself and three other men I didn't know.

What do you know about the killing?

Not anything.

You were there, were you not?

Yes, sir.

Where were you?

At the back of the store.

Where was the pistol shot from?

In front of the store.

Who was out there?

I can't name anyone except Bob Goodman who was standing at the right of the door as you go out with his hands in his pockets and when Sid went out he caught hold of Bob and pulled him. Sid was in front pulling Bob and just as Sid struck the ground a shot was fired.

Do you know of anyone else on the outside?

I don't know.

Who were those inside at the time?

All I know was Bud, Penninger, Safrit, Lipe and myself.

Where were the strangers at this time?

I don't know.

Where was Bud Goodman?

Behind the counter by himself.

Did you see a pistol there?

No, sir.

Had anyone had any trouble before this?

Yes, I had a few words with a fellow they tell me was Motley.

Did Bob Goodman and Sid have any trouble?

Not that I know of.

Could those strangers have been inside and you not notice them?

Yes, sir; it could have been possible.

Were you all drunk?

I was drinking some.

Before Sid fell did anybody catch him?

I don't know.

Were Bud and Bob the only ones you saw when you went on the outside?

I don't know when I went outside; I was looking down at the dead man.

Earl Blackwelder was called but testified that he left the stand at 10:30 o'clock, before the killing occurred.

Conrad Lipe's Testimony.

Who was at the beer stand Saturday night?

Seaford, Penninger, Bob and Bud Goodman, Blackwelder, Motley, Jim Platt and myself.

Was any trouble going on?

Sid and Safrit had a racket about the Railroad and Motley and Blackwelder had a few words.

There was a shot fired there, wasn't there?

Yes, sir.

Where was it from?

The outside.

Who was inside at this time?

Bud, Blackwelder, Safrit, Penninger and myself.

Was any one else inside?

I can't say whether Platt and Motley were in there or not.

Where was Barrier when he was shot?

He stepped out the door.

Who was nearest him?

Bob Goodman.

Can you tell us the position Barrier and Goodman were in when the shot was fired.

Bob was standing at the door and when Sid went out he hooked his arm in his.

Where was you when the shot was fired?

I was standing about the middle of the counter.

Where was Bud Goodman?

Sitting on a barrel near the stove.

Where was Motley?

I don't know.

Where was Platt?

I don't know.

Do you remember if they were inside?

I don't remember.

Who was on the outside after you got to the door after the shot was fired?

Bud, Blackwelder, Motley and Platt.

Do you know who shot Barrier?

No, sir.

Luther Penninger's Testimony.

Were you at the near beer stand before the shooting occurred?

Yes, sir.

Did there seem to be any trouble?

Motley and Blackwelder fell out.

Who else had any words?

Sid and John Safrit.

Did you hear the shot?

Yes.