

DIVORCEE GRILLED IN MURDER PROBE

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JURY RETURNS VERDICT

Coroner's Inquest Develops Broker Met Death From Gunshot Wound, Persons Unknown.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—The details of the recent shooting of J. Belton Kennedy, a young broker, on the steps of his summer home in Beverly Hills, near here, were told to a coroner's jury here today.

A verdict was returned promptly, reciting that Kennedy "met death from a gunshot wound inflicted by persons unknown with intent to commit murder."

While the inquest was in progress and for more than four hours District Attorney Woolwine conferred personally and without witnesses with Mrs. Madelyne Obenchain, the young divorced woman, who was with Kennedy when he was shot and who has since been held as a material witness.

A third conference was held while the inquest and the conversation with Mrs. Obenchain were in progress. Arthur C. Burch, the young man of Evanston, Ill., who was taken to Las Vegas, Nev., last Saturday, and has since been held here booked for "suspicion of murder," was taken from his cell and talked at length with Deputy District Attorney Keyes.

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