

# Mother Takes Stand To Tell of Kidnap Hoax As Jury Hears Testimony

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KANSAS CITY (AP)—The government expects to wrap up its death case today for the kidnap-kill of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease. The mother confronted the jury in federal court with the lie they told her: \$500,000 in ransom.

## Oldster Routs Two Intruders

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—After a late robbery attempt, an 81-year-old man seized a rusty rifle and routed two intruders last night.

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CALCUTTA, India (AP)—A train entered into an Assam station on Monday with a maniac perched on the engine, waving a razor-sharp blade and shouting with which he had lopped off the head of a passenger. Police made a capture.

Robert C. Greenlease, sat only a few feet from Hall. The 71-year-old automobile dealer watched her closely as she talked. He had been there all day, listening to the government press its case for the death penalty for Hall and his alcoholic lover, divorcee Bonnie Brown Heady. Both have pleaded guilty.

At times his jaw tightened. His teeth clenched. And occasionally he would study Hall, who served in World War II as a Marine only to come back to a life of crime. Beside him sat Robert Lederman of Tulsa, Okla., his business associate, who had acted as an intermediary.

Mrs. Greenlease's voice was firm as she told of her first talk over the telephone with the kidnaper last Oct. 4, six days after her boy's abduction.

A federal jury, charged solely with determining whether Hall and Mrs. Heady should die, listened attentively as she related the first telephone conversation.

"I said, 'This is Mrs. Greenlease. We are willing and ready to pay the money, but first I must know that my son is alive and well.' He said, 'I can assure you your son is alive and well.'"

"He said, 'The request Mr. Lederman made to have you speak to your son, we could not carry out. We were afraid to take him to a telephone.' I said, 'Well, would you ask him two questions for me?' and he said, 'Yes.'"

"I asked him to ask Bobby the name of the driver of our automobile in Europe this summer and I asked him to ask Bobby what he built in his play room the night, the last night that he was home."

"I said, 'I am asking you to ask Bobby these questions because there are other people claiming to have Bobby. If you can give me these answers, we will know you

are the people who have him and that he is alive.'"

Mrs. Greenlease said the kidnaper promised to call her back within an hour and did phone her about 1:30 the same morning and told her:

"I phoned them but Bobby wouldn't talk. He just dummed up."

Mrs. Greenlease said that on her second conversation with the kidnaper he told her he could assure her Bobby was alive because he saw him that afternoon and "he says his parrot whistles."

"Lady, he is driving us nuts," she quoted the kidnaper as saying. "We have earned this money."

Mrs. Greenlease told the jury she had two other telephone conversations with the kidnaper and each time Hall assured her the boy was alive and well.

It was the first time Mrs. Greenlease had seen Hall and the 41-year-old Mrs. Heady, who talked a nun at the Catholic school into turning Bobby over to her on the pretense she was his aunt and Mrs. Greenlease was ill.

Earlier Hall's confession, read in all its gruesome detail by an FBI agent, disclosed that the kidnaper

was confident he had \$502,000 of ransom money in his possession when arrested in St. Louis.

Half of the money is still mysteriously missing.

At St. Louis top police officials immediately expressed surprise over the Hall confession, particularly that part saying Hall's suitcases containing ransom money were not taken to the police station at the time of the kidnaper's arrest.

A. Long, president of the St. Louis Police Board, said the police board would resume its inquiry into the missing money.

Louis Shoulters, a veteran of 27 years on the St. Louis police force who made the arrest, declined comment on Hall's statement. Shoulters resigned under the fire of a police board inquiry into the handling of the case.

But Patrolman Elmer Dolan, the policeman with Shoulters at the

time of the arrest, took the witness stand. He denied the Hall statement. He testified he helped Shoulters put the suitcases into a police car in which they took Hall to a police station.

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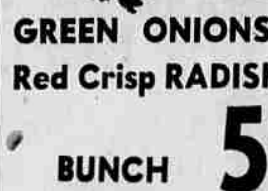
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