

Jury Will Be Requested To Indict 3 For Murder

VENTURA, Calif. (UPI) — The Grand Jury will be asked today to indict for murder Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 54, and two men she allegedly hired to kill her attractive, pregnant daughter-in-law.

Frank Duncan, husband of the slain woman, will be among witnesses called by the state. The 29-year-old Santa Barbara, Calif., attorney was found Thursday night after he had dropped from sight for four days.

Police said Duncan was living in a Hollywood apartment under a different name. He was served with a subpoena ordering him to appear in today's Grand Jury hearing in which several "surprise" witnesses are expected to testify about how the elder Mrs. Duncan approached them and offered money to slay her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Olga Duncan, 30.

Augustine Baldonado, 25, confessed Sunday that he and Luis Moya, 22, killed Olga after the elderly Mrs. Duncan promised to pay them \$5,000 to "get rid of" the seven-months pregnant Canadian nurse.

Baldonado led officers to a shallow grave in a construction area about 10 miles north of here where they had buried Olga after he said they lured her from her nearby Santa Barbara apartment Nov. 17 and then choked and beat her to death.

Two of the state's principal witnesses were expected to be Mrs. Emma Short, 64, and Mrs. Esperanza Esquivel, operator of a Santa Barbara bar where the murder plot allegedly was hatched between Mrs. Duncan and the two men. Both women have been kept in hideaways by police since last Sunday.

Mrs. Short, a neighbor of Mrs. Duncan, whose jealousy of her attractive daughter-in-law was well known by her friends and Olga, was believed to be the first person to disclose the murder plot.

Mrs. Short allegedly overheard Mrs. Duncan talk of Olga's slaying and under police questioning the elderly woman, who expressed fear of Mrs. Duncan, disclosed the plot.

Olga, who separated from her husband two weeks after their June 20 marriage, had complained in letters to her parents that Mrs. Duncan feared losing her son and had "an uncanny hold over him."

Authorities described Duncan as a "mommy's boy" who frequently entered the courtroom hand-in-hand with his doting mother. She has been wed briefly five times in the past eight years and in 1953 was arrested in San Francisco on a charge of prostitution.

It was learned authorities planned to call four or five other persons whom Mrs. Duncan allegedly approached and offered money to kill Olga before meeting up with Moya and Baldonado, both ex-convicts and laborers.

Duncan, when located in his Hollywood apartment about 65 miles south of here, was polite and seemed unsurprised when served with a subpoena, police Sgt. Bob Reed and Bill Alexander said.

The attorney, who had defended his mother in earlier proceedings last week when she was charged with poisoning her own daughter-in-law to annul her son's marriage, was the object of a two-county search.

Duncan is not a suspect in the case, but authorities wanted him served with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury as a witness.

S. Ward Sullivan of Los Angeles, Mrs. Duncan's attorney, said Duncan has not called him or talked with him about his mother's case since last Saturday. He said he thought Duncan probably had taken the Hollywood apartment to "get away from all the publicity."

Sullivan said he would refuse to allow Mrs. Duncan to testify before the Grand Jury. The only connection between Mrs. Duncan and Baldonado and Moya comes from the men trying to blackmail her, Sullivan said.

Mrs. Duncan has protested her innocence of having anything to do with Olga's death. She claimed the two men had been attempting to extort money from her and killed her daughter-in-law to "spite" her.

Moya, who Thursday spent his ninth Christmas in jail in the past nine years, has denied having anything to do with Olga's slaying.

Horse Killed; Vehicles Blamed

A horse, which apparently had been hit twice by moving vehicles, was found dead by state police on Christmas Eve.

Officers said William Ray Hargrove, 32, 2040 Wantland Avenue, reported seeing the horse standing in the middle of Washburn Way.

Hargrove said his car grazed the horse and he noticed it had blood over much of its body. Investigating officers later found a bloody area on Bristol Avenue where the horse apparently had been hit the first time, but they didn't know how it had been hit, or by what.

Later the horse was found dead not far from the place where Hargrove had seen it on Washburn Way. The owner of the horse was not known.

Yule Meet Held By Home Ec Club

SUMMER LAKE—The Guild and Home Economics Club held its annual joint Christmas party Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Boyd Claggett.

Gifts were exchanged following brief business meetings by each club. A committee was appointed to serve at the New Year's dance at the grange hall which is being sponsored by the grange.

A few guests stayed after the party to pack 100 sacks of candy which were distributed at the Ana River School. The club also sponsored three Disney cartoons as part of the entertainment at the school