

Peyton Murder Case Recalls Crater Lake Killing That Is Still Unsolved

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Eight and a half years ago two men were shot to death in Crater Lake National Park. Police had many trails to follow but each led to a dead end.

The killer has not been found. "We are still where we were on the day it happened," an FBI agent said recently, but "we haven't quit."

Last November's slaying of Barbara Ann Allan and Larry Ralph Peyton on a lover's lane near Portland's Forest Park recalled the Crater Lake killings although there were few similarities.

The Forest Park killings were brutal — a knifing and a strangling — and there was no clue that gave police more than a hint which way to start.

At Crater Lake officials had the license number of every car that had entered the park for months. There were clues, too: The fatal shots were fired from a gun not often used; a pair of shoes, two wrist watches and a driver's license were taken and might trap the killer.

But they didn't.

Many now wonder, as the weeks go by, if the killing of the young coed and her boyfriend

also will go unsolved. Police persistence, the Crater Lake case shows, does not always bring success.

There had been bright hopes, though.

The victims were prominent. The FBI moved in swiftly and the clues seemed substantial.

It was on Saturday, July 20, 1952, that C. P. Culhane, 55, Detroit, Mich., the general sales manager for United Motors Service, a General Motors subsidiary, and Albert M. Jones, 56, Concord, Calif., his western sales manager, left Klamath Falls for a fishing trip. They had met there on company business, decided on fishing and headed for a cabin on the Medford side of the park.

Frank W. Eberlein and John Vaughn, both of Klamath Falls, followed an hour later. In the park they saw Jones' two-door sedan parked at a viewpoint overlooking Annie Creek Canyon three miles from the south entrance. The right door was open, the key in the ignition lock and fishing gear, cameras and luggage all in place.

When the men failed to appear, Eberlein and Vaughn notified authorities. They were afraid they had fallen into the canyon.

Search started, went through Sunday and into Monday. Suddenly a searcher came on their bodies, bare from the waist up, a bullet hole back of the right ear of each. Both were gagged. Their shoes were off and Jones' shoes were missing. Two cartridge cases were nearby.

Their wallets had been rifled and put back in their pockets. Their wrist watches were gone. So was Jones' driver's license.

The killings could not have been long before the Klamath Falls men arrived but they did not hear the shots. No one came by to excite suspicion.

Police hopes, though, were high. The park entrance registry listed all cars that were or had been there. The wrist watches, shoes, drivers license all were likely to turn up somewhere.

The murder weapon, a 7.65 mm, probably of Spanish make, was distinctive.

None of these has been found. The check of every car led to all parts of the country and produced nothing. Every time, in the years since, that a 7.65 mm bullet has turned up, it has been checked against the Crater Lake bullets.

"There has been a tremendous quantity of investigation," said an FBI agent who worked on the case. But not a single direct clue has been unearthed.

One may never be, said an agent who recalled that J. Edgar Hoover once said there are more unsolved crimes than there are uncaught criminals. The killer of Culhane and Jones, he said, may have died in an execution chamber for another death whose consequences he did not escape.

Recall Attempt In Town Fails

INDEPENDENCE (AP) — An attempt to recall Independence councilman John Werline and Dean Smith was defeated Monday. Voters backed Werline 418 to 161 and Smith 420 to 160.

The two were charged with failure to carry out their duties properly.

The controversy stemmed from the council's firing of Police Chief George Utley in December. To accomplish this, the council seated two new members without unanimous approval from the four already in office. Some observers claimed this was a violation of the city charter and instigated the recall action.

ON GOLD STANDARD

LONDON (UPI) — The London Daily Mirror today quoted a tycoon as saying, "I collect gold bars. They don't burn, and if you keep them in a safe they don't wear a hole in your pocket like money."

Boivin Victim Of Conspiracy In Dining Room

SALEM (AP) — Senate President Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, was the victim Tuesday of a conspiracy to force him to buy breakfast for the other 29 senators.

On Monday, the legislature was invited to a no-host prayer breakfast Feb. 9 sponsored by Governor Hatfield. Boivin and House Speaker Robert B. Duncan, D-Medford. The term no-host means everybody pays for his own breakfast.

But today, there was a note on each senator's desk saying that Boivin would buy the breakfast. The notes were written on Boivin's own stationery.

One senator stole the stationery, and another wrote the note.

Boivin stoutly denied today that he'll pay for the breakfast. But he did see the humor in the incident.

"If Boivin were a man of principle, he would buy our breakfast," said Sens. Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, and Thomas R. Mahoney, D-Portland, jointly.

Airplane Firm Wants Use Of Bombing Range

SALEM (AP) — The Boeing Airplane Co. is dickering with Oregon for possible use of the 96,000-acre former Navy bombing range near Boardman in northeastern Oregon.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon announced Tuesday that he expects to announce a lease for the area soon, and William M. Allen, Boeing president, confirmed Tuesday night at Seattle that his firm is negotiating for the site.

Reports in the Oregon capital were that the site is wanted for manufacture of rocket propellant on an 88-year lease, but there was no confirmation.

Neither the governor nor other state officials would comment on the reports.

The governor Tuesday did tell 13 legislators that five firms were possible lessees: Boeing, North American, Hercules Powder Co., Thiokol and Aerojet General Corp.

Donald Euler, director of planning for Boeing, said at Seattle that he was not ready to say anything beyond the fact that Boeing is seeking the site.

Congress last year opened the way for Oregon to acquire the site for development of industries that need vast spaces.

The site is in Morrow County. It adjoins the Columbia River, running south over a vast sagebrush area.

Oregon has not yet completed steps necessary to acquire the site. The Navy had it for a bombing range, but used it little.

LHS Seniors Visit Campus

LAKEVIEW — Twenty-five seniors from Lakeview High School took part in the college visitation weekend at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College recently.

Those visiting at the UO campus in Eugene were Marian Angelo, Kerry Adams, Linda Duhose, Terry Lincecum, Larry Decker, Sharon Drinkwater, Sheila Gilbert and Ruth Troxell.

On the OSC campus at Corvallis were Margery Blair, Michael Counts, Onnetta Elle, Tom Goss, Kenneth Paxton, Teresa Ward, Dennis Vincent, Jim Clinton, Mary Jo Deely, Ann Furuskog, Sherry Jarman, Mary Seville, Arpad Kovacsy, Jim Stewart, Paul McCormick, Carole Tainter and Lorna Toner.

Instructors accompanying them on the trip were Mrs. Antoinette Radford, Mrs. Margaret Weir, James Arment and Raphael Toner.



TROW LONG was elected as manager of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce for the new year recently. He replaces Ernest McKinney.

Long Gets Chamber Post

LAKEVIEW — The selection of Trow Long as manager of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce has been announced by the board of directors. His appointment will be effective Feb. 1.

He takes the place of Ernest McKinney who resigned because of pressure of other business.

Long has been working in the chamber of commerce office during the past few weeks and is acquainted with the office routine.

Mr. and Mrs. Long came to Lakeview in 1939, when he was manager of a local industrial supply company branch. In 1946 he entered the insurance business and was so engaged until 1957 when the couple left for a lower altitude because of Mrs. Long's health.

During several of these years he served on the board of directors for the chamber of commerce and was president in 1956.

He is also on the board of directors for Order of the Antelope and has missed only one meeting since 1947.

He was a member of the Lions Club for a number of years, is a past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge and a past president of the Isaac Walton League. Although an ardent hunter and fisherman, his favorite hobby is looking for Lake County arrowheads.

The Longs returned to Lakeview in the fall of 1960 and are living in the home which they built south of Lakeview.

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