

# BROWN AND MOE HELD FOR MURDER OF CARLYLE LORD

### Preliminary Hearing in Judge Dennis' Court Friday is Attended by Capacity Crowd of Spectators

Nine witnesses for the state testified in the Lomita township court Friday at the preliminary hearing of the murder charges against Ray R. Brown and Charles "Smiley" Moe, said by police to be one of the three men who forced entry in the Paul G. Lassen home in WALTERIA on the night of January 20.

After a lengthy examination the men, accused of slaying Carlyle Lord, 61, were held to answer to the Superior Court without bail. The hearing had little dramatic effect and only in the closing moments was it featured by clashes between C. J. Orblison, Moe's attorney, and Charles V. Kearney, deputy district attorney. Orblison's defense of his client was based on his contention that nothing in the way of evidence had been produced to link Moe, who police say was the driver of the car that brought Brown and Joe Ward, the latter killed by Lord, to the Lassen home, to the crime of murder. However, Judge Dennis ruled that both men should be held to answer in the higher court.

**Noted Attorney Present**  
S. S. Hahn, noted Los Angeles criminal attorney, represented Brown at the hearing, but beyond a rigorous cross examination of the state's witnesses, did not follow Orblison's tactics in defense of his client. Hahn made no motion in favor of Brown at the close of the hearing, apparently content with carrying his case to the Superior Court. Brown was positively identified as being present at the gun duel.

Judge Dennis' court was filled to overflowing with a crowd of spectators during both the morning and afternoon sessions. Brown and Moe sat at the attorney's table with their counsel and offered little assistance in the attorney's cross examinations. The defense produced no witnesses at the hearing here.

Brown and Moe's trial in the Superior Court will probably be held in the Long Beach division, the date to be set not before 30 days have elapsed and not later than 60 days.

**Frank Identified**  
Dr. Frank R. Webb, assistant autopsy surgeon for the county, was the first witness for the state. He testified that Lord met his death as result of a bullet wound in his chest and that the WALTERIA man was also shot in the right arm. The bullet, Dr. Webb said, was probably a .45 calibre. The surgeon also related his findings at an autopsy performed on the body of Joe Ward, who, he said, was killed by a bullet of a different calibre, probably a .32. Ward was one of the two men who entered the Lassen home and Brown, police say, was the other.

The next witness was Mrs. Louella R. Lassen, daughter of Lord, who resided at 2444 Ward street, WALTERIA, with her father and husband. She related the incidents occurring the night of January 20 when two men forced their way into her home under the guise of law enforcement officers after inquiring if a man by the name of "Otto" lived there. Mrs. Lassen was subjected to severe cross examination by Attorney Hahn after she had identified Brown as being one of the two men. The woman could not identify Ward from three photographs taken of his body.

Ward, Moe Together  
Paul G. Lassen's testimony was much the same as his wife's. He had been struck by the man known as Brown, who was armed, when he attempted to push the men out of the house. Lassen said he heard four shots fired. He identified Brown, photographs of Ward, but could not say whether or not Moe was the man in the Ford coupe parked on the street. The authorities claim that after Brown was severely wounded by Lord, he was driven away from the scene of the gun duel by Moe to a house in Long Beach, where both men were arrested a few hours later the same night.

Harlan B. Huffine, 2444 Ward street, was playing cards with the Lassens and Lord at their home, he said on the witness stand. Huffine could not identify Brown as he broke through a window during the course of the battle and ran for help.

The state then produced Clarence E. Holt, a San Pedro printer, who was acquainted with Moe and who met both Moe and Ward, the slain bandit or hi-jacker, on the afternoon of the tragedy. David F. Emery, a neighbor of the Lassens at WALTERIA, stated on examination that he saw a man sitting in a coupe in front of Lassen's home after some shots were fired in the neighborhood. Mrs. Lassen ran to his home, he said, with the news of the occurrence.

**Relate Story of Arrest**  
O. M. Murphy, detective lieutenant, and Malcolm Kirkpatrick, detective sergeant, both of the Long Beach police department, related the story of the arrest of Brown and Moe at 1720 Stanton Place, Long Beach, the night of January 20. Brown gave the officers at that time the story he still maintains—that of being liberally shot by robbers while driving on Mala street near Wilmington. Moe, Lieutenant Murphy testified, told him that he was walking from his room in a Long Beach hotel to 20th and Orange street about the time of the shooting and was killed by Brown who shot him in the back of the head. Moe's address as he was wounded by bandits. However, Sergeant Kirkpatrick stated on the stand that there were blood stains on one side of the car found in the backyard of the Stanton Place house and that was the passenger's side, not the driver's. The gun, believed used by Brown, has not been found, the officers said.

O. H. Cloud, deputy sheriff attached to the homicide detail, related the condition of the Lassen home, the finding of the gun used by Lord, and the taking of statements from Moe, in which the suspected man was very indefinite as to time and place of his movements on the night of the WALTERIA shooting.

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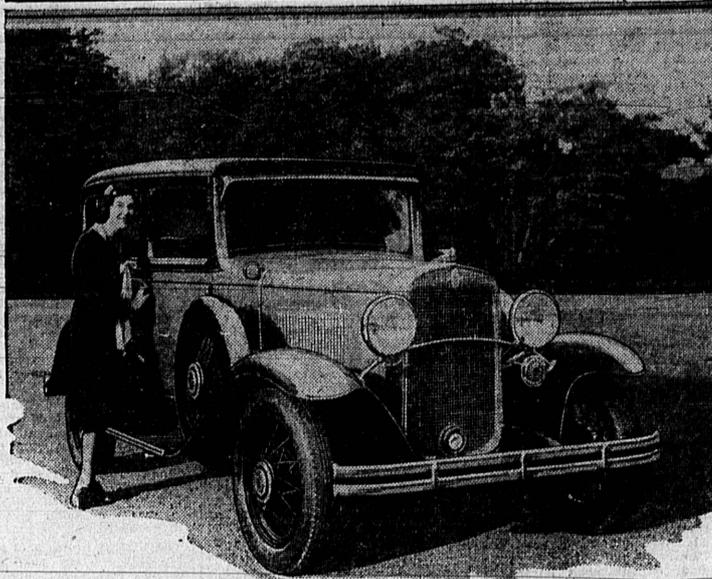
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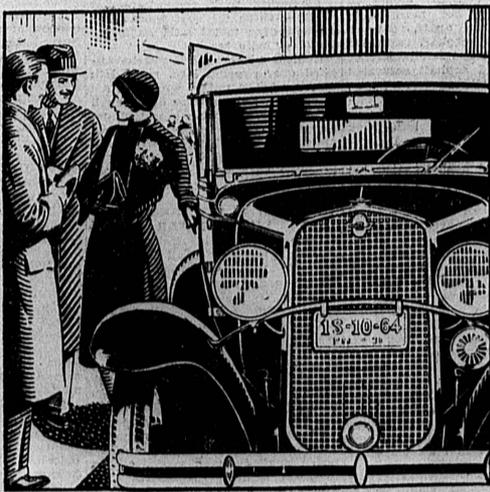
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