

STATE POLICE REPORT



TO: District Attorney – Mc Coy

Content: Result of my inquiry - arrest warrant needed for James Shepard

At 4 o'clock, Kelner called Mason. At 7:30 p.m., someone arrived at Kelner's office but he was not let in by the housekeeper. He must have been doing paperwork when this mysterious visitor arrived since there were papers on his desk. Between this time and 8 p.m. when the front door closed again, the governor must have been killed. The murder must have taken place between 7:30 and 8. During this time, Inez Olson, the housekeeper, claims that she was doing the dishes before watching television in her back bedroom. Mason, Kelner's political ally, claims that he was reading and that he didn't know of his friend's death while Shepard says he was sick with stomach flu. Mrs Olson discovered the corpse shortly after 9 in the governor's study in a puddle of blood; then I arrived on the crime scene about 9:30. I interviewed the housekeeper in her back bedroom where she lives. After her testimony, I went to Mason's house to interview him too, and finally I headed for Shepard's home to ask him questions about the case.

It's only at 3:00 am the next morning (i.e. today when I'm writing this report) that I realized who the culprit was. First, I thought Mrs Olson might have killed him because she didn't like the man and, as she was close to the family, she might have wanted a part of the poor man's legacy. However, I decided it couldn't be her.

I also assumed that it could have been Mason because Kelner had recently favoured another candidate for senate. He also gave me the name of Jim Shepard almost immediately; accusing him in a way. As Shepard is a strong political enemy, it was easy to blame him. For a while I also thought that Mason and Shepard could have killed him jointly. I believed they might have been accomplices but I finally discarded the idea. Kelner and Mason were real political allies and long-time friends. That's why it seemed quite unlikely.

As for Shepard, I'm asking you Mc Coy for an arrest warrant because I think I know he is the culprit but I want to get more information to investigate the murder and to solve this case; that's why I need an arrest warrant.

The 3 pieces of evidence corroborating my assumptions:

- Mr Kelner and Mr Shepard have been political enemies for years.
- He said he didn't know that he had a meeting in their calendar. So he must have tried to hide the fact that he was supposed to see him that day.
- He claimed he's been sick for the past three days (four days now) but I went to check his trash bin and there was an empty can of chili. You don't eat chili when you have stomach flu. And as he added that he hasn't had any guest either, he (alone) must have eaten the chili. He must have lied to me. And liars are often culprits.

Detective Liddy Hamilton