

# Murder Trial Focuses On Account by Cops at Scene

Aided by four Suffolk police officers, Suffolk County's chief trial prosecutor, Steven Wilutis, showed a County Court jury yesterday what he meant when he opened the murder trial of William Patterson Thursday by calling him "the man who knew too much."

Sgt. Charles Lauer and officers James Connell, John Byrnes and Jeffrey Rubin of the Second Precinct testified that they were at the East Northport home of Frances Patterson and her two children on June 28, 1982, when her estranged husband, William, drove up. Frances had been killed 11 hours earlier by one rifle bullet fired through the window as she and the children sat watching TV. But Lauer said he instructed Connell, Byrnes and Rubin not to tell Patterson why they were there. "He was excited, very, very excited," Connell testified. "He shouted 'What happened here? What happened to my wife?' He kept saying that over and over again. 'What happened to my wife?'"

"Did he ask about any other person?" Wilutis asked. Defense lawyer Robert Gottlieb objected and Judge Stuart Namm sustained the objection, but Connell slipped in "No."

That night at the East Northport home, Patterson appeared to collapse and Connell and Rubin helped him to a seat in a police car, they testified. Alone with Rubin in the car, Rubin said, Patterson asked "What happened to my wife? Was she sh--?" He stopped without completing the word. He still had not been told that his wife was the victim or that she had been shot, the police said.

Patterson had left his wife in January, 1982, and moved to a suburb of Atlanta where he lived with another woman. He lost his executive position with an air freight firm and took a job as an airline mechanic — at half the pay — while he and his wife worked out a divorce settlement.

The prosecution charges Patterson killed his wife because of the financial pressures and because she would not give him custody of the children. The trial resumes Monday. —Bob Wacker

## Couple, Son Among 7 in Drug Arrests

A Hicksville man and wife, together with their son and four other persons, were arrested on drug charges Thursday after complaints from neighbors.

Charged with possessing a half-pound of marijuana were Mark Joosten, 41, and his wife, Joyce, 37, of 42 Hope La. The couple's son, William, 21, of 42 Blueberry La., Hicksville, was arrested at his home and charged with sale and possession of cocaine. Anthony Pinto, 27; Scott Soloman, 21; and George Tamborello, 20, all of the same Blueberry Lane address, were charged with possession of cocaine and drug equipment, as was Joseph Albro, 19, of 85 East Ave., Hicksville.

All appeared in District Court, Mineola, yesterday and were freed for later appearances, except William, who was held in \$25,000 property bond.

## Truck to Aid in Hazard Spills

The Nassau Police Department has ordered a custom-made truck to hold the special equipment necessary to clean up spills of hazardous materials, including toxic chemicals, gasoline and oil, officials said.

Nassau Police Commissioner Samuel Rozzi felt the truck was needed because of the increasing amount of hazardous materials being transported across Long Island, police spokesman Willard Krausch said yesterday. The truck will cost more than \$100,000.

"This whole problem of the transportation of hazardous materials is a growing concern," Krausch said.

The truck would be equipped with more than \$10,000 in highly absorptive pads, radiological monitoring devices and any other equipment that is developed to handle hazardous materials. Funds for the truck were approved recently by the Nassau Board of Supervisors. The department has let the project out to bid but officials had no indication on when it might be delivered.

Rozzi has also organized a committee of police and fire officials who are working to establish guidelines to be followed in case of a hazardous spill, Krausch said.

## Furthermore . . .

**BINGO STABBING:** Joseph Donlon, 55, whose address was not immediately available, was stabbed and robbed of his attache case as he walked from a bingo game in Hempstead about 11:20 p.m. Thursday. Donlon, who told police the case contained private papers, was reported in stable condition at Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre . . . **LARCENY SENTENCE:** Peter Napolitano, 39, of 182 Jerusalem Ave., Massapequa, an alleged associate of crime-family figure Michael Franzese, was sentenced to five years in prison yesterday and fined \$5,000 for his role in a bank larceny. Napolitano had pleaded guilty in federal court to theft from a Citibank branch in Hicksville . . . **KIDNAPING ADMITTED:** Michael Latorre, 22, of 14 Kirk Rd., Bay Shore, pleaded guilty to second-degree attempted kidnaping in Nassau County Court in connection with the abduction in Lynbrook last August of Mary Geraci, 23, of Garden City, who escaped. He is to be sentenced Feb. 4 . . . **MAN-SLAUGHTER CASE:** A 24-year-old Long Beach woman, Linda Ramirez, of 215 W. Hudson St., appeared in Nassau County Court on multiple charges,

including second-degree manslaughter and drunken driving, in connection with an automobile accident last September. Police said that Ramirez, who was injured in the crash and appeared in court on crutches after being released from a hospital, crossed into an oncoming lane in Oceanside on Sept. 15, hitting a taxi. The cabdriver, Raymond Quinn, 34, of 2030 Elk Dr., Far Rockaway, was fatally injured . . . **ANTI-SEMITISM:** Nicholas Spinelli, 32, of 96 Third St., Garden City, was charged with aggravated harrasment in connection with a series of threatening anti-Semitic remarks made to Steven Kohn, remarks that began with an incident outside Kohn's Melville office . . . **DISNEY SALE:** What the Christie's East auction house in Manhattan describes as the largest collection of Walt Disney film celluloids ever to be auctioned goes on the block today — a room filled with grinning Pluto, grimacing Donald Duck, cheerful Mickey, dancing mushrooms, and plump piggies. Prices range from about \$90 to \$6,000.

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# Business

## Mesa Says It Can Buy 8M More Phillips Shares

The Associated Press

A partnership seeking control of Phillips Petroleum Co. said yesterday that it now has the financing to buy 23 million shares of Phillips stock, rather than the 15 million originally announced.

The disclosure by the Mesa Partners group led by oilman T. Boone Pickens Jr. came as its takeover bid, which could grow into a \$9.1 billion transaction, became entangled in conflicting court rulings.

A Delaware court issued a temporary order barring Phillips from using an order it obtained Thurs-

day from an Oklahoma court that would have stopped Pickens' group from buying its stock.

The Delaware Chancery Court later denied a Phillips request that its order be held in abeyance pending an appeal but said Phillips could appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court of Delaware.

Mesa Partners, made up of Mesa Petroleum Co. and Wagner & Brown, an independent oil concern, announced Tuesday that it was seeking control of Phillips at \$60 a share in a buyout. Pickens is president of Mesa.

## Tamco Fights City Investing

New York (AP) — City Investing Co.'s largest shareholder, Tamco Enterprises Inc., said yesterday that it was launching a proxy fight against the diversified manufacturing, service and financial company in an effort to block City Investing's liquidation plan.

Tamco, which owns 8.8 percent of City Investing's common stock, supports the liquidation of City Investing but not the specific plan that shareholders are

scheduled to vote on Wednesday.

City Investing called the maneuver "another example of Tamco's repeated attempts to gain control of City . . . at prices consistently found by City's board to be inadequate."

Tamco said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington that it had established a stockholder committee to solicit proxies from other City Investing holders to defeat the proposed liquidation.

## Furthermore . . .

**PRUDENTIAL-BACHE LOSS:** Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. said it had operating losses of \$21.1 million in the third quarter and a net loss of \$104.8 million in the first nine months of 1984. Some analysts said the nine-month loss would intensify speculation that the parent company would seek to rid itself of the securities unit it acquired in 1981 for \$385 million . . . **JACOBS' ITT STAKE:** Financier Irwin Jacobs confirmed that he had bought a stake in ITT Corp., whose stock has been pushed up by speculation that Jacobs or other investors might be planning a takeover bid.

Jacobs declined, however, to discuss the purpose of his investment. Jacobs said his stockbroker had been able to fill his order Thursday for 3.8 million shares of ITT stock, about 3 percent of ITT's common stock . . . **LAYOFFS AT TI:** Texas Instruments Inc. announced that a weakening of the commercial semiconductor market was forcing it to lay off 2,000 of its workers, primarily in Texas. "This reflects a very significant weakening of market demand at this time which has been going on for several months," said company spokesman Norman Neureiter.

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## YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Ignoring a drop in the unemployment rate, the stock market fell yesterday on reduced trading volume.

Analysts said there was an absence of selling pressure, with many investors uncertain about the economy, the budget deficit and a tax reform plan.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.28 to 1,163.21. For the week the Dow gave up 25.73 and the loss for the past two weeks totaled 57.09.

Before the stock market opened, the Labor Department reported the unemployment rate declined

to 7.2 percent in November. The numbers might ease fears that the economy could slip into a recession now that the rapid growth rate experienced in the first half of the year has slowed.

Keith Hertell, of Drexel, Burnham, Lambert, said many on Wall Street have decided drastic changes in taxes are unlikely even though doubts persist about the economy and the deficit. As a result, "portfolio managers are playing it close to the vest" and little movement is likely before the end of the year, he said.

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NYSE	Volume	Close	Chg.	AMEX	Volume	Close	Chg.
ITT Corp	3,642,600	31 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	+ <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	DomePtrl	616,400	1 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	unch
Un Carbide	3,639,000	37 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	TIE Comm	371,400	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
PhillipsPet	2,077,700	53 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	+ <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	BergenBrun	150,500	21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
BritTel pp	1,812,800	11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	HouOilTr	134,100	5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	- <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
MidSouUt	1,532,200	13 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	WangLabB	133,000	26 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	+ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>

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NYSE Index 93.53 -0.22  
S & P 500 162.26 -0.50  
Dow Jones 1,163.21 -7.28

**VOLUME:**  
NYSE 82.07 million shares  
AMEX 5.43 million shares

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