

## Mystery Surrounds Friday Deaths Of Pennville Girl And A Boyfriend Authorities Advance Murder-Suicide Theory

What happened between a beautiful 16-year old Pennville High School student and her 22-year old boyfriend which apparently caused the youth to shoot his lover and then turn the gun upon himself appeared destined today to remain a mystery.

Authorities are "fairly" certain that jealousy motivated Glenn Mahon, 22, Pennville, to shoot Patricia Ray Liby, who would have been a junior next year at Pennville High School, although then apparently is no "definite" proof of this.

Residents of Pennville said Mahon was extremely jealous of Miss Liby and a schoolmate said that his jealousy was so strong "that if she (Miss Liby) stepped out on him, something was bound to happen."

According to schoolmates, the girl had dated a few other young men in the past few weeks.

Early Saturday evening, the couple had visited Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks on Balbec Pike, with whom Mahon had been living after an argument with his father, Ennis A. Mahon. At that time, the couple seemed happy, the Brooks' reported to authorities. They left the Brooks' home at approximately 10:15 p.m. About a half-hour later, Mahon returned to the house picked up a 20-shot automatic rifle from the kitchen of the home. Between a half-hour and 1 ½ hours later, the couple was dead.

Their bodies were found side by side, on a blanket, beside Miss Liby's car on a lonely "lover's lane" gravel road in the northeast part of Blackford County, only a short distance from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

First discovered about 10:30 a.m. Saturday by the daughter of Kenneth Goble, on whose farm the Brooks lived, the bodies were fully clothed and lay on a blanket perpendicular to the car, with the feet of both at the edge of the auto.

Miss Liby, a later autopsy at the Ball Hospital at Muncie showed, was shot eight times, five in the back, two in the chest, and one in the arm.

Her boyfriend, with whom she had been going for four or five years, was shot for times, the autopsy revealed. Three of the bullets penetrated his heart.

Blackford County Prosecutor William E. Ervin, who was present at the autopsy, said there were extensive powder burns around Mahon's wounds and "not quite so pronounced" powder burns about some of the back and chest wounds of the girl. The weapon was found lying across Mahon's body. There was an eight inch spot of blood on the ground beneath the blanket.

Ervin Said 12 empty cartridges were found on the ground near the scene of the murder-suicide and eight were found unfired in the gun. There were eight other .22-calibre "long" shells in Mahon's pocket.

There was no sign of a struggle and no bruise marks on either body, Ervin said. When the bodies were found, Mahon's head was lying on the girl's shoulder. The estimated time of death was between 11 p.m. and 12 midnight Saturday.

A coroner's inquest will (sic) and additional investigative work by state police and the Blackford County sheriff department may add further proof to the murder-suicide belief now held by authorities.

State Police Det. Sargent Karl Warnock was going to Indianapolis Monday with the guns and the bullets, which lodged in two bodies for ballistics test, fingerprint test and other types of related tests.

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