

## Slain Woman's Mate "Detained" at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., March 30 (P).—Carl Culbertson, who has been questioned at length by authorities since he discovered the murder of his wife in their home early Monday morning, was held "in detention" in jail here this afternoon, pending further investigation of the crime.

Culbertson's 11-year-old daughter, Viola, also is in custody but has not been confined to jail. Authorities did not reveal her exact whereabouts today, but intimated she and Culbertson were to be questioned again with reference to circumstances of the crime.

Culbertson was delivered at the jail at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Sheriff Dan Sanders and Deputy State Sheriff Otto Dudschus. Neither County Attorney A. L. Joseph nor other officers would discuss the turn in their investigations or probable developments.

## Expect Arrest Soon in Death of Farm Woman

Grand Island, Neb., March 31 (P).—Officers working on the Mrs. Carl R. Culbertson murder case tonight announced in a statement issued through County Attorney A. L. Joseph that an arrest is to be expected soon. Joseph said he believed the slaying has been solved, but would not amplify the statement.

He disclosed the 43-year-old woman, shot last Sunday, was to have become a mother.

The woman's husband, 45-year-old farmer, has been detained in jail here since late Wednesday. Prior to that he had been questioned of returning home to find his wife of a few months dead.

Joseph declined to say whether or not Culbertson's daughter, Viola, also held in custody, had been questioned today. Culbertson said she left their home with him Sunday night and that they came here to a dance.

The statement tonight disclosed a post mortem and autopsy had been performed today to determine the age of the unborn child and supposedly to establish the time of the killing through observation of the digestive channels.

### No Confession

Officials emphatically denied that they had received a confession sometime Thursday, or any time prior to current both Wednesday and again Thursday relative to an alleged confession.

It was admitted shortly before two o'clock there was a further development in the case and one possibly of some importance. Officials, however, declined to give an inkling of what it was for the time being.

Thus far, it was learned, Culbertson, now held in the city jail or "detained for questioning" as officials have maintained, has made no request for permission to attend his wife's funeral, Friday afternoon.

Until such a request was made, officials said, they would make no decision on that point. If such a request was made, and granted, it was indicated, an officer would accompany him. However, it was added that such a request might or might not be granted, depending of course, on possible developments between now and the time of the funeral.

A Walter Randall, now in Brooklyn, N. Y., and at that place at the time Mrs. Carl R. Culbertson was murdered last Sunday night, was eliminated as being at all connected with investigation, officials announced shortly before two o'clock.

This Randall, according to information received by them, allegedly had been at the Culbertson place some time ago and to have had some trouble with Mr. Culbertson.

While officials did not believe Randall was connected with the case, when they first heard of the incident, they nevertheless took trouble to check his whereabouts on the night of the murder.

The funeral of Mrs. Culbertson will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 from the home of Otto Giesenhagen, 222 West Eleventh street, and at two o'clock from the English Lutheran church.

Mrs. Harold Sutherland, daughter of Mrs. Culbertson, arrived early this morning from Los Angeles, and is at the home of Otto Giesenhagen.

# CULBERTSON IS BEING DETAINED IN JAIL FOR INQUIRY

## Culbertson Has Nothing To Say On Detention

Isolated from All Outside  
Contacts and Said To  
Be Model Prisoner

### ASKS NO QUESTIONS

Admitted That Officials Are Check-  
ing on Man Now Residing in New  
York—Funeral of Mrs. Culbertson  
Friday Afternoon.

Isolated from all outside contacts, Carl R. Culbertson still was being held in the city jail, this morning, while officials continued investigating odds and ends of scraps of information relative to the murder of his wife at their farm home, five miles north of Grand Island, Sunday evening.

Culbertson, it was learned, accepted his incarceration without comment or trouble and has been a model prisoner. He had made no request to see anyone and asked no questions relative to how long he would be detained in jail, or what officials intended doing.

He is confined in what is known as the "woman's quarters" of the city jail, a room separate from the jail proper.

Officials indicated that they had not again questioned Culbertson's 11 year old daughter, Viola, up to noon, today, and would not question Culbertson until late this evening, if then. The girl also is in custody at a private home.

Culbertson, early this morning, requested some reading material, newspapers and magazines. He was given the latter, but denied access to any newspapers, on orders of officials responsible for his detention.

It was understood that only five persons are authorized to see him or to talk to him, and all of them are officials directly connected with the case or men on duty at the station. It was understood that even the janitor at the city hall, who ordinarily takes the prisoners their food, was barred.

# Daughter Also In Custody for The Time Being

## Investigation Into Murder of Mrs. Culbertson Is Continuing

### NOT DISCUSSING CASE

Order for Detention Issued by County Attorney A. L. Joseph—No Comment on Investigation or Developments.

Carl Culbertson, questioned at length by authorities since he discovered the murder of his wife in their farm home, early Monday morning, was held "in detention" in the Hall county jail Wednesday afternoon, pending further investigation of the crime.

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The order for their detention was issued by County Attorney Joseph.

#### Under Guard at Home

Although Culbertson was questioned for over two hours, last night, by Deputy State Sheriff Otto Dudsches, relative to his movements before and after the time of his wife's murder, last Sunday evening, nothing of a sensational nature was disclosed by authorities and he was returned to his home, about midnight, by Sheriff Dan Sanders.

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edly, stating once that he could not understand the strange fate that would bring so much grief and trouble upon his shoulders.

#### Doesn't Know of Enemy

He had lived in this community virtually all of his life, he said once, and so far as he knew, did not have an enemy and enjoyed the respect of his acquaintances.

During the stay in the office, a woman's voice was heard in the outer room for a few minutes. Culbertson gave no indication that he had noted the voice, though he later wondered if his daughter, Viola, had gone to bed as yet.

Culbertson listened to the sheriff's explanation of the presence of the two officers at the farm, without comment. He stated that during the night before, and at intervals during the day, cars had driven into the place and either turned and departed before reaching the house, or came into the barnyard proper to make the turn.

These were probably persons attracted to the premises out of curiosity.

Sheriff Sanders expressed himself as "tired out" last night, following a day spent interviewing farmers in virtually every part of the county.

Officials have indicated that their list of persons, who observed Culbertson at the dance, was growing steadily.

#### Hear from Timpke

Any suspicion which may have been directed toward the former husband of the murdered woman, Fred Timpke, were dissipated Tuesday when it was learned that both Sheriff Dan Sanders and Otto Giesenhagen, Mrs. Culbertson's brother, had been in telegraphic communication with Mr. Timpke at Los Angeles, Cal. Timpke, Mr. Giesenhagen stated, never had been suspected of the crime by members of the family.

Mrs. Harold Sutherland, a daughter of Mrs. Culbertson by her marriage with Timpke, has notified members of the family that she was en route to Grand Island from her home in Los Angeles and was due here early Thursday morning.

Funeral services for Mrs. Culbertson will be held on Friday afternoon, with Rev. C. B. Harman, of St. Paul's English Lutheran church officiating. The service for members of the family will be at 1:30 o'clock, at the home of Otto Giesenhagen, 222 West Eleventh street, and the service at the church at 2:00 o'clock. Inadvertently, the step-mother was omitted from the previously published surviving relatives.

At the home, however, were stationed two special deputies. Culbertson was told by the sheriff that these men were there for the purpose of protecting him and his daughter against any further attacks such as resulted in the murder of Mrs. Culbertson.

It was admitted that Culbertson is not permitted out of sight of one or the other of these "guards".

Sheriff Dan Sanders said, late Tuesday afternoon, that he had taken from the Culbertson home a revolver which he learned was there. Culbertson willingly surrendered the weapon and asked for no explanation.

#### "Tip" from Culbertson

It was admitted in authoritative circles today that Culbertson himself was the one who gave the "tip" to officials as to the farmer, who heard the shot between approximately 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock, Sunday night.

Sheriff Sanders spent a busy day, Tuesday, interviewing over fifteen persons who attended the dance at the Plattduetsche Helm Sunday night. The sheriff questioned them mainly as to Culbertson's appearance and bearing at the dance.

A gunsmith last night examined the twelve gauge double barrel shotgun found in the Culbertson home, now held by officials. He reported he found that the point of the left firing pin on the gun was bright and shiny, but that the right one was corroded with dust and dirt. Several officials were present at the time.

Asked directly this morning if he contemplated making arrests today, the county attorney said that one person might be brought to the county jail and "detained for questioning".