

Man Says 'May Have Killed' Coed

Discrepancies In Statement Developed By Checking 'Conscience-Stricken' Former Omahan Held In Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Police said Sunday they booked a man who told them he believes he killed a University of Omaha co-ed last December.

Held for investigation was Gerald Allen English, 31 a truck driver, who came here two months ago from Omaha.

Detective Robert Hacker said English told police he thinks he killed Carolyn Nevins, 20, Dec. 10. English said he had been conscience stricken since the girl's death, police reported.

According to detectives, English told this story:

He offered a ride to a girl standing on a corner the night Miss Nevins was killed. She refused. Thereafter his mind went blank. But the next day, when he read stories of her death, he recalled two shots being fired from a .32 caliber pistol he had always carried—but no longer had in his possession. He also recalled having scraped his car in an accident.

Long Beach police, who were checking English's story with Omaha authorities, said English told them he still had the car which he was driving the night Miss Nevins was slain. The car was registered to 3702 Burt St., Omaha. English said his Omaha address was 304 S. 28th St.

'Unable To Sleep'

Detective Hacker said that English, who walked into the police station and surrendered, told him he had been "nervous and unable to sleep" because of vague memories of the night on which Miss Nevins died.

English explained, said Hacker, that he returned to Omaha from a truck run to Wichita, Kan., drank some beer, and then drove his car around the outskirts of the city. On a corner he said he saw a girl.

"Come on! Come on!" he said he called, but said she yelled back, "No!" After that he said his mind went blank. Hacker said that English told him he thinks he threw the pistol which he usually carried in his car into the Missouri River that morning.

Since his arrival here English has lived in Long Beach with his mother and his aunt.

Some Discrepancies

Omaha sources said a local investigation had brought out some

discrepancies in English's statement to Long Beach police.

Records of the McMaken Transportation Co. showed English had made no out-of-town trips at the time of the slaying and none in the period leading up to it. English said he had returned from Wichita Dec. 9.

English spoke of it beginning to snow early in the evening, but Weather Bureau records show the snow began about 3 a.m., Dec. 10.

An Omaha hospital said English was admitted there as a patient at 12:45 a.m. Dec. 10—less than three hours after Miss Nevins last was seen alive. English spoke of throwing a gun into the Missouri River that morning.

Friends of English said he was the divorced father of three.

Honor Student

Miss Nevins, an outstanding debator and honor student, was shot four times the night of Dec. 9 with a .32 caliber revolver. Her body was found early the morning of Dec. 10 on the university campus by a bakery truck driver. Carolyn, who worked part-time in the university library, last was seen about 11 o'clock that night. She had been waiting for her father, Arthur Nevins, Omaha insurance executive, who was delayed about an hour in going to the school to pick up his daughter.

The girl's body was partly covered by an early morning snow. Detectives said there was no sign of a struggle, but the girl's clothing was disarranged.

Church Room Dedicated To Carolyn Nevins

OMAHA (U)—A room in a newly-constructed Countryside Community Church school was dedicated Sunday afternoon to the memory of Carolyn Nevins, 20-year-old University of Omaha coed slain last December.

The dedication followed by a few hours the booking of Gerald Allen English, 31, a former Omahan, for investigation in Miss Nevins' death. English was quoted by Long Beach, Calif., police as saying he believes he killed the brilliant coed.

Miss Nevins, known for her church work, had taught the kindergarten class in the Countryside Community Church. Her mother, Mrs. Arthur Nevins, is director of Christian education at the church.

"After her death, the memorials were such that we had the money to furnish the new kindergarten room in her memory," said the Rev. Roger Manners, pastor of the church. "It is fitting that the dedication should have been today."

Besides the Rev. Manners, the Rev. Arthur Taylor of Lincoln, minister of the Congregational Christian Conference, took part in the dedication.



GERALD A. ENGLISH . . . held after saying he believes he killed Carolyn Nevins. (AP Wire-photo).



CAROLYN NEVINS

Carolyn Nevins Born In Lincoln

Carolyn Nevins was born in Lincoln and attended Prescott Elementary School.

Her father, Arthur J. Nevins, was a 1912 graduate of the University of Nebraska Law College, and had practiced law in Lincoln from his graduation until moving to Omaha about six years ago.

In 1944 he was an unsuccessful candidate for county judge. He was a member of the Lincoln Barriers Club, Nebraska and Lancaster County Bar Associations, and Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Nevins, a Lincoln native, was the former Corrine Quimby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Quimby. She attended the University of Nebraska from 1928-1930.

Lincoln relatives are Mrs. Quimby; Mrs. Dick Putney, sister of Mrs. Nevins; Mrs. Ray Osborn and Mrs. Emmett Osborn, aunts of Nevins.

Coffey Requests Change

New Mail Classification May Save State \$4,000

By ROY CAMPBELL
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A change in the wording of registered mail sent from Statehouse offices may save the state a little over \$4,000 a year.

A request for such a change has been made by Purchasing Agent Tom Coffey, former state senator from Alma.

In a letter to Sen John Beaver of Beemer, Coffey said a change in postal regulations includes a new item, "certified mail." Principally, it is a substitute for registered mail.

The certified mail designation, Coffey said, can be used as registered mail on any item that does not have monetary value, such as documents and notices.

New Fee

The fee for certified mail is 25 cents, Coffey pointed out, with 15 cents, when the mailing fee

to cut down expenses is one of many carried on in his department.

The state annually sends through the mails close to \$70,000 of printed matter of one type or another. Postage costs are paid by the individual departments and offices in the Capitol building.

Each department at the beginning of a fiscal year puts up so much money as a deposit against future mailing fees. When mailed matter is sent through the mail-

Trucker Recants Story Of Slaying

Says Doesn't Remember Telling Police He Thought He Killed Coed

LONG BEACH, Calif. (INS)—A 31-year-old former truck driver Monday recanted his admission that he was "convinced" he was the slayer of an Omaha University coed.

Gerald Allen English told officers, who were already skeptical of his confession, that he "doesn't remember making a statement" in which he said he believed he killed Carolyn Marie Nevins, 20, on the university campus last Dec. 10.

English walked into the Long Beach police station Sunday to make the confession, but Capt. Lorin Q. Martin said English told him Monday that he had been drinking at the time.

Martin quoted English as saying: "It's a lie. I don't know anything about it."

English was kept in jail pending further word from Omaha police, who were reported to be sending an officer here to question the suspect.

But discrepancies in English's story of the killing already had indicated to local police that he might be suffering from a delusion.

Two angles to his story tended to discredit it. A check of records in Omaha disclosed that English was admitted to a hospital there several hours before Miss Nevins' body was found on the snow-covered Omaha University campus.

And English told police here he "believed" he had slain Miss Nevins shortly after he returned from a truck run to Wichita.

Records of the firm for which he worked in Omaha, however, did not indicate English had made any out-of-town runs around the time that the coed's body was found.

English, who came to Long Beach two months ago and was living with his mother, Mrs. LaVerne Johnson, surrendered Sunday and told officers:

"My nerves have been tormenting me. . . I've been unable to sleep. There is something on my conscience. I'm convinced I'm the murderer."

But he was vague about details of the slaying and said he suffered a mental blackout during which he believed he shot the girl.

British 'Vulcan' Burns

4-Jet 'Mighty Bat' Crashes; 4 Die 2 Escape

LONDON (AP)—The Vulcan, world's largest delta-wing bomber missed the runway and crashed in flames at mist-shrouded London Airport Monday. Hair-trigger ejection seats catapulted the pilot and a British air marshal to safety, but four crewmen perished.



Broadhurst from a testing flight to Australia witnessed the crash.

The plane, one of Britain's secret atom-bomb carriers, roared out of driving rain and plunged into the ground while being "talked in" because of bad visibility.

Britain's bomber chief, Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst and pilot Donald Howard, made last

A distinguished crowd waiting to welcome the four-jet "Mighty Bat" home from a testing