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Allegations Against Missing Friend

(From Our Own Reporter)

Kuala Lumpur, Thursday.

AN inquest into the death of a Hock A Chiew Chinese, named Lim Sang Ta who disappeared from his house at Gonggang, on the night of Sept. 1, and whose body was found buried about 300 yards from his home, on Sept. 6, was opened to-day before the Second Magistrate, Mr. J. P. Biddulph.

Mr R. O. Davies, O.C.P.D., Kuala Lumpur North, conducted the proceedings. Mr P. C. Au-Yeong held a watching brief on behalf of one of the deceased's relatives.

Before opening the enquiry, Mr. Davies gave a brief outline of the result of his enquiry. The deceased, who was a pig rearer, lived in an area behind the rifle range.

On the night of Sept. 1, the deceased left the house and was seen going towards Kuala Lumpur with three other friends. He was not seen after this.

On Sept. 3, his wife made a report at the Circular Road Police Station. Later on Sept. 5, a friend of the deceased went to Campbell Road Police Station and made a report.

The Police made a search in the vicinity of the deceased's house. About three hundred yards from the deceased's house, the Police found that the ground was disturbed. On digging up the earth they discovered the body of the deceased which was wrapped up in a blanket.

NO TRACE OF POISON.

A post-mortem examination, showed that there was nothing found in the body and a report from the Institute of Medical Research revealed that there



was no trace of poisoning.
There was evidence to show, however, that the deceased knew that he was to be murdered and that a certain person was obliged to have absconded since without having been traced so far.
The evidence of Dr. Abdul Latiff of the General and Malay Hospital shows

that on Sept. 7, he received the body of a Chinese, named Lim Sang Tay, aged about 45 years. The deceased's body was in an advanced state of decomposition. Witness performed a post mortem examination and sent small pieces of heart, lungs, liver, kidney and spleen to the Institute of Medical Research for examination, and the report from the Institute showed that no sign of poison was found.

Witness was unable to give the cause of death as the body was too decomposed. Deceased must have been dead from four to seven days before the post mortem examination.

Mr. O. R. Davies O.C.P.D., Kuala Lumpur, in his evidence said that on the morning of Sept. 6, he received information that a Hock Chiew Chinese named Lim Sang Tay was missing from his home at Gonggang.

Witness went to the scene with a detective and ordered a number of police to conduct a search in the vicinity of the house.

At about 12.30 p.m., Corporal 3054 reported that he found a spot where the earth had recently been turned.

WRAPPED IN BLANKET.

Witness gave instructions that this patch of ground should be unearthed. At a depth of about 3 feet 6 ins. a body was found wrapped up in a blanket. The body was highly decomposed. There was a changkol about ten feet from the house.

Witness gave instructions that the body be taken out from the hole and sent to the hospital for a post mortem examination.

The body was identified by Yap Mooi Siew Wai and Lim Thye to be that of Lim Sang Tay.


In the course of this enquiries, witness wished to interview a Hakka Chinese who was in the employ of the deceased as a cooly. In spite of a search the police was unable to locate the man up to date.

Yap Ah Mooi, the wife of the deceased said that her husband was a vegetable gardener and a pig rearer at Gonggang and had Hakka coolies under his employ and that a Hakka, name Lee Yew, used to assist him in his work.

NOT HER LOVER.

The man was not her lover. There

was no cause for her husband to suspect her or else he would have driven her out of the house.




On the night of Sept. 1, witness said that her husband left the house. That was the last she saw of him. He left at 8.30 p.m. and said that he was going out to see his friends.

Continuing, witness said that her husband went out alone on a bicycle. He wore a suit and had no shoes on. He mentioned no names to witness, but said that he was going to Kuala Lumpur to see friends.

When her husband did not return the following day, witness went to look for him in Kuala Lumpur.


On Sept. 3, witness went to the Circular Road Police Station to make a report.

Witness said that after the disappearance of her husband, the Hakka, Lee Yew was still in the house. It was on the night of Sept. 4 that witness found the man missing after her return from Kuala Lumpur. Witness had no ideas as to his whereabouts.



On Sept. 6, witness said that she was taken to hospital and identified the body as that of her husband. Witness identified the blanket which belonged to the deceased. Witness was unable to offer an explanation as to how the blanket was found wrapped up round the body of the deceased.

Lim Soon Kong, aged 10 years, the son of the deceased, said that he could not say when his father died. Witness said that Lee Yew used to go to the house and have a chat with his father. Witness did not know whether Lee Yew and his mother were on friendly terms.




Tiew Kwan, a Hock Chiew, who said that he knew the deceased, said that there had been trouble between the deceased and his wife over a man who is a Hakka.

ALLEGED WARNING.

Witness last saw the deceased either on the evening of Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 in the coffee shop at Batu Road. After taking coffee witness and the deceased took their bicycles and started to walk along Batu Road.

While approaching Hale Road, the deceased stopped and told witness that he was warned by a man who collects rice



refuse for pigs to be more careful while going about in the night as he would be murdered by somebody.

Witness asked the deceased to make a report to the police station but the deceased declined to do so.

Witness and the deceased parted later and on the following day, witness went as usual to the coffee shop, but the deceased did not turn up.

Later on Sept. 6, witness went to the hospital and identified the body of the deceased as that of his friend Lim Sang Tay.

After the cross-examination of Mr. Au Yong, the hearing was adjourned till Oct. 20.

