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Doctor

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sheets and patient, she said.

She said she removed the apparatus from the arm of the 86-year old, semi-conscious woman, and noticed the same blue substance in part of the tube. "I drew the blue stuff out of the IV and arm until I got blood," Mrs. Humphrey said.

She also testified that she noticed a hole in the tubing. The hole, she and other witnesses testified, was near — but not in — the area where doctors and nurses normally add medication.

Mrs. Humphrey described the blue substance as oily or greasy. She said Kardesch told her that he noticed his mother's fingers had become entangled with the tube. He said he had tried to straighten it out. She said that Kardesch told her that the blue, oily substance on the dressing had come from his hands which he had dirtied while working on his car. But Mrs. Humphrey testified that Kardesch's hands were clean.

A security guard, alerted by the nurse, testified that he asked Kardesch to come to his office to talk about the incident. On the way, said guard Robert Flutch, "He asked to go to the men's room. He said he wanted to vomit."

Flutch said he leaned against a wall while Kardesch entered a stall. In a mirror, he testified, he could see through a crack next to the stall door. He said Kardesch "stood over the commode. Then he knelt and took something from his pocket. I could see from the crack. Then I turned and looked directly the crack."

Flutch said he saw Kardesch take some objects from his pockets and place them out of sight behind the toilet. Kardesch, who coughed but did not vomit, then emerged, Flutch said.

"I took him to the office, then went directly back to the men's room," said Flutch. "I reached up under the commode to see what he had put there, and found three syringes."

One was full of a blue substance, one was half-full of the substance and the other contained blue residue, he said.

Laboratory tests showed the full syringe contained a 40 percent solution of chlordane and the half-full one contained a weaker solution of the pesticide. Tests showed a still-weaker solution of the pesticide in the blood and fluid drawn by the nurse from Mrs. Kardesch.

Special Assistant Circuit Attorney John Chancellor questioned nurses from the Jewish Center for the Aged at Highway 40 and Mason Road, where Mrs. Kardesch had been living with her husband, Robert.

They testified that on Oct. 3, 1976, Kardesch had visited his parents after arranging for his mother to be sedated. His mother was described by each witness as a senile, domineering, loud and disruptive person at times.

Less than an hour after the doctor's visit, nurses on duty said, Mrs. Kardesch's blood pressure dropped and she became comatose. She was then taken to Jewish Hospital.

Normal doses of her regular medications, including a tranquilizer, would not have caused her to become comatose, said her regular physician, Dr. Lester Nathan.

Norman London, Kardesch's attorney, told the jury that Kardesch "denies any knowledge of the three syringes."

London said Kardesch had visited his mother at the hospital early on Oct. 4 because he planned to spend the rest of the day at Yom Kippur services.

"His father wanted to visit, and Dr. Kardesch wanted to see if his mother was in shape for a visit before he and his father went off to services," London said.

Kardesch noticed his mother had moved her arms and tangled the tubing, London said. Kardesch, he said, summoned an orderly, who called Mrs. Humphrey.

Making no reference to the visit to the men's room London said that "Dr. Kardesch was then at some point confronted with three syringes. He denies any knowledge of the syringes."

A doctor, London told the jury, has access to many drugs and medicines, some odorless and colorless but lethal if placed in an intravenous solution. Some, he said, would be virtually undetectable. Doctors, he said, know how to handle intravenous equipment, and do not make punctures in tubing, causing leaks.

"The evidence will not show who performed this act," London said. "The state will present you with suspicious — but not with proof."

Kardesch brought his parents to St. Louis from New York in 1975. The couple lived in University City — until space was available at the Jewish home.

Kardesch, 49, practices in Crestwood and lives in Creve Coeur. He faces a prison term of five years to life if convicted.

A sequestered jury of five men and seven women is hearing the case that began Monday before Judge Daniel T. Tillman.

Bombing

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the shower in his motel room near the parking lot where Ohlhausen had been parked. "I thought pipes were exploding somewhere or a shotgun going off in the room below," he said.

"I ran outside and could still see debris flying down to the ground."

Paducah Fire Capt. Merle Hines, Pvt. Billie Keeler, Lt. R. G. Jacobs and Capt. Delbert Roeder were the first to arrive on the scene. They gave this account:

Hines looked in the window of the vehicle and thought it was empty. He looked again and saw Ohlhausen beneath parts of the dashboard and sun visors.

Ohlhausen's body had been blown toward the passengers side of the General Motors Sierra Grande Recreational Vehicle. After about 16 minutes he was carried out the rear of the vehicle.

The roof of the vehicle on the passenger side was bent up at a 45-degree angle. The roof remained attached to the driver's side.

A jagged hole about a foot in diameter was blown through the floor underneath the passenger side. The metal floor was bent downward, indicating that the charge was inside the vehicle underneath the seat, a policeman said.

The seat cushion and most of the springs were blown away. The vehicle was a company car.

Ohlhausen was taken to surgery immediately upon arrival at the hospital. Hospital officials refused to give details of his medical treatment or the exact nature of his injuries.

Police tried to question Ohlhausen at the hospital Tuesday evening, but they left, saying his condition was too critical.

Ohlhausen was in Paducah to supervise construction of a small building at one of the barge construction docks of Paducah Marine Ways, a subsidiary of St. Louis ship, said Superintendent James Causey.

Ohlhausen is the new projects engineer for the Paducah yards and two other barge construction docks.

Causey said that Ohlhausen telephoned him from St. Louis about noon Monday to say he would arrive in Paducah that evening and go to the docks early Tuesday. He asked Causey to reserve a room at the Best Western Motel, where he normally stayed.

The receptionist at the motel said that Ohlhausen had checked into Room 223 about dinnertime Monday. She did not see him again Monday night.

Coggins, the man who witnessed part of the explosion, said that Ohlhausen's vehicle was not in the parking lot about 9 p.m. Monday.

Causey said that he did not know where Ohlhausen might have gone Monday night. None of the company employees were with him.

It was not unusual for Ohlhausen to come to Paducah the evening before he was to be with Paducah Marine Ways, Causey said.

After Mrs. Flynn was killed Nov. 3, Ohlhausen appeared "very down, but none of us talked about it" Causey said. "He was a quiet guy".

Some theories as to who planted the St. Louis County bombs were shaken by Tuesday's bombing, but some new theories were advanced. Ohlhausen himself had been questioned about the deaths because he was the beneficiary of about $50,000 in insurance policies on Mrs. Flynn's life.

Now Ohlhausen may turn out to be the principal target, according to James Elder, special agent in charge of the U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau.

"Were they originally after him when the gal was blown up?" he asked.

At least the bombings no longer appear random, as some St. Louis County residents had feared.

The first bombing attributed to the so called "South County Bomber" was Oct. 7, which a small bomb exploded underneath a car being started by Ronald T. Stergbos, a 23-year-old Monsanto Co. engineer. He was unhurt.

On Oct. 18 Robert Jackson, a 36-year-old supervisor for United Parcel Service was killed when a bomb exploded under the driver's seat as he was starting his car at an apartment complex only a few miles from Stergbos'.

Then on Nov. 3 Mrs. Flynn, a computer analyst and programmer at Interstate Supply Co., was killed as she started her car about three miles from wher Jackson's car exploded.

None of the victims knew each other and none apparently abd enemies, police said.

William Ohlhausen
Principal target?

Charged With Theft Of Hospital Drugs

A pharmacy technician at the Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Festus surrendered to the county sheriff at Hillsboro Tuesday on charges growing out of thefts from the hospital's supply of drugs.

The technician, Ladonna L. Whaley, 18, of Crystal City, and her husband, Jeffrey Lynn Whaley, 21, both were charged in warrants with stealing over $50. The sheriff's office said they turned themselves in together.

Detective Robert Augustine of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said Mrs. Whaley had access to prescription drugs at the hospital and admitted taking cocaine and morphine on at least six occasions since last December. The drugs apparently were sold on the street in St. Louis and Jefferson County because the couple needed money, Augustine said. Whaley is unemployed.

Hospital authorities requested an investigation when drugs were found to be missing.

Bombing Of County Man May Remove Suspicion

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Even though authorities said William Ohlhausen was not a suspect in the car-bombing that killed his girlfriend on Nov. 3, some of his neighbors were reported to be wary of him.

Another bombing Tuesday probably removed that shred of suspicion.

Ohlhausen, 36, was the victim of a bombing similar to the one that killed his girlfriend, Shirley Flynn. Ohlhausen was critically injured when a bomb exploded under the seat of his car, parked in a motel lot in Paducah, Ky, where he had gone on business.

Mrs. Flynn, a 33-year-old divorcee who had lived with Ohlhausen about four years, was believed by authorities to have been one of three victims of the so-called "South County Bomber." But some residents of the Southmoor Apartments, the complex where Ohlhausen and Mrs. Flynn resided in south St. Louis County, were wary of Ohlhausen. He was questioned by police repeatedly, authorities said.

"He knew he was the number one suspect," said Robert Martin, a friend and neighbor.

William G. Guerri, Ohlhausen's attorney, said, "He had been investigated to a turn-then-well."

Guerri represents Ohlhausen in a court action brought by Mrs. Flynn's parents, who are contesting Ohlhausen's position as beneficiary of Mrs. Flynn's life insurance policies, worth $40,000. The family contends that Ohlhausen exercised "undue influence" over Mrs. Flynn, Guerri said.

Ohlhausen "had been hounded by police" since the bombing and had been depressed—"as anybody would be when something like that happens," Martin said. Other neighbors said they had seen very little of Ohlhausen after the bombing.

Friends said Ohlhausen and Mrs. Flynn had discussed plans to marry after he completed graduate school at St. Louis University. He is part way through a night program to obtain a master's degree in business administration, school officials said.

Ohlhausen was born in Blackwell, Okla., and was reared by a grandmother, police said. He received a degree in electrical engineering from New Mexico State University.

After working in Wisconsin and Illinois, Ohlhausen joined St. Louis Ship Co. in 1974 as an engineer. He specializes in plant improvements, officers said, and made frequent trips to Paducah, where the company's sister firm, Paducah Marine Ways, is situated.

Bob Wehrman, night superintendent at the Paducah plant, described Ohlhausen as "easy to get along with," and highly respected among company officers.

Ohlhausen never discussed the bombing that killed Mrs. Flynn, Wehrman said.

Mrs. Flynn was in a green 1972 Ford Pinto ordinarily used by Ohlhausen when she was killed, police said. She customarily drove a 1976 Chrysler. But despite one theory that Ohlhausen—not Mrs. Flynn—had been the intended victim, Ohlhausen was not afraid that his own life was in danger, Martin said.

"He was never fearful," Martin said. "Never."

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