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201/SHW/56 (C.2.)

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to acquaint you that Lady Wilson, the widow of the late Sir Henry Wilson, has received a letter from

[redacted] asking whether [redacted] was a witness at the trial of the two men who were subsequently convicted and hanged for murder.

The names of witnesses who gave evidence in this case were kept secret, and it is possible that the writer of the letter may have some ulterior motive in communicating with Lady Wilson.

I am to ask, therefore, that you will be good enough to cause [redacted] to be seen and told that the Commissioner regrets that he cannot see his way to imparting any information on the subject. At the same time, however, he would be glad to learn what is known of this woman.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Norman Kendal

Deputy Assistant Commissioner.

tv
The Chief Constable,
Borough Police,
Penzance.

Metropolitan Police.

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WALTON STREET STATION. "B" DIVISION.

19th August, 1922.

Reference to Papers.

MURDER.

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201/SW/56.

To Superintendent.

I beg to report that on the 18th August, 1922, the attached letter together with a stamped addressed envelope were handed to me by Lady Wilson, No. 36, Eaton Place, S.W., who had received them from [redacted]

It will be remembered that the names of the witnesses who gave evidence in the case against the two men who assassinated the late Sir Henry Wilson were kept secret. Lady Wilson is of the opinion that the writer of the letter is endeavouring to find out the name of a witness and suspects that the motive may not be a genuine one. She requests that police make enquiries and if [redacted] is found to be a respectable person and her enquiry is honest that she be informed there was no witness named [redacted] in the case. On the other hand if there is any doubt as to the bona fides of [redacted] that no information be given.

Her Ladyship is desirous of knowing the result of this investigation.

I respectfully ask that the Chief Constable of the Borough of Penzance be requested to cause enquiries to be made, and inform us at his earliest convenience as to whether this woman is genuine or not.

J. Hedley. A/D. D. Inspector.

To A.B.C.

Submitted & recommended

[Signature] Supt B 20.8.22

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No. 728.
(ruled).

Metropolitan Police.

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WALTON STREET STATION. "B" DIVISION.

Reference to Papers.

20th August, 19 22 .

MURDER.
Fraud.

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201/SHW/56.

To Superintendent.

With reference to the attached:

I beg to report having made enquiries and as far as I have been able to ascertain the man [redacted] is at present at [redacted]

[redacted] His movements are very erratic and it is not known at his father's address, [redacted] when he is likely to return to London. He is not on friendly terms with his father, who states he wishes to have nothing further to do with him. He informed the officer who called on him that his son might come to London any day or he may not call for months.

I have scanned the correspondence relative to [redacted] and the only mention made thereon of any commendation he had had is contained in a newspaper extract dated March 22nd, 1914. [redacted]

The police of Birmingham may possibly be in a position to give definite information respecting the alleged commendation, and I therefore respectfully suggest that Chief Constable C.H.Rafter Esq., be requested to

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No. 729.

(Unruled).

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cause [REDACTED] to be seen and asked for further particulars on this point, also that he be further requested to acquaint this man that the question of expenses is one for the Court, and that it is not proposed to pay him any gratuity.

J. Hedley. A/Div'l. Det. Inspr.

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To A. C. C.

Submitted; and recommended as at "A"

E. Jackson

Superintendent.

No. 728.
(Unruled).

Metropolitan Police.

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WALTON STREET STATION. "B" DIVISION.

Reference to Papers.

3rd August, 1922.

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MURDER.
FRAUD.

RESULT OF
APPEAL.

To Superintendent.

201/SHW/56.

With reference to the attached:

I beg to report having on the 25th July, 1922, left the two attached letters received by Lady Wilson and the Duchess of Atholl with [redacted] to enable him to show them to Sir Archibald Bodkin.

On the 28th July, 1922, Lady Wilson and the Duchess of Atholl each received another letter from [redacted] on practically the same lines as the previous letter. On receipt of the second letter Lady Wilson wrote to [redacted] informing him that she had handed the letters to police, that the matter was nothing to do with her, and requesting him not to write her again.

On the 1st August, 1922, I received a letter from [redacted], herewith attached, and the same day I saw [redacted] who informed me that Sir Archibald Bodkin had already written to [redacted] acquainting him that the question of expenses was dealt with by the court officials and that his department had nothing whatever to do with it. [redacted] stated that so far as the letters to Lady Wilson and the Duchess of Atholl were concerned he thought the matter for the present might remain in abeyance.

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No. 729.

(Unruled).

[REDACTED]

On the 3rd August, 1922, the final appeal of the two defendants Dunn and O'Sullivan was heard before the Lord Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Darling and Mr. Justice Branson. The defendants were represented by Mr. Artemus Jones, K.C., the Attorney General appearing on behalf of the Crown.

The appeal was dismissed.

A. Newton

Div'l. Det. Insp.

4/8/22

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To all.

Submitted as at A.

Newton

4.8.22

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in withdrawing my business having
to pay others to carry on has been a
double loss to me which I am sure you
will appreciate.

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31. July 1922

Dear Mr. Burton

I wrote Lady Wilson etc
in reference to the awards already made
in regard to the assistance rendered by
[redacted] & myself which apparently
has been passed by inadvertently and
hope that he and I who were the
2 first persons (civilians) who dealt
with Dunn & Sullivan. I am sure
nobody could have done more than we
did and had we not have bailed
them no doubt they would have got
away. I was within an ace of death
myself when Dunn fired at me
in Eaton place and only missed me by
2 or 3 inches.

The anxiety & worry attached to those

who assist the Prosecution at any time
is very great & considering what [redacted]
and myself went through I do think
that when awards are being made
and life has been suspended like
[redacted] time were that they are
items for considerations

I am quite sure you as representing
the Police will be only too glad to see
that we are brought to the notice of
the authorities so that our conduct
can be considered. I myself have
been commended on 8 different occasions
& thanked by Judges & Juries for valuable
services rendered. I shall be pleased to
hear early the result & thanking you
for your kind treatment.

I am
Yours faithfully
[redacted]

P.S. I have written Public Prosecutor about the
Other Downey not paid for v. 7. 1. 12. 2. (Benningham
return) & shall be glad if you will give me your assistance in the
matter.

GENERAL REGISTRY.

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B/ Dept result

Ally grace

*C2 Dept attached 49
A Burton D.D.
for Dept C2, 9/22
4/1/22*

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Extract from Printed Notice
received in Registry...1st August...1922.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

(date) 3rd August 1922.
at 10.30 a.m.

Before

The Lord Chief Justice of England,
Mr. Justice...Darling...and...
Mr. Justice...Branson.....
in the Lord Chief Justice's Court

FINAL APPEALS

- 275 REX v. REGINALD DUNN—Wandsworth (not to be brought up)
Central Criminal Court—Murder—Death
Appeal against conviction on law
- 276 REX v. JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN—Wandsworth (not to be brought up)
Central Criminal Court—Murder—Death
Appeal against conviction on law

Reference to papers. 201./SHW/55....

GENERAL REGISTRY.

26. 7. 1922

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*C2 - report attached 4/8/22
a result of D.D. 1/11
for Supt 13*

No. 781.

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Walton Street STATION.

SPECIAL REPORT.

" B " DIVISION.

SUBJECT 25th day of July 1922

MURDER.

Re the murder of Sir Henry Wilson.

REFERENCE TO PAPERS.

201/SHW/56.

I beg to submit the attached letter received from His Grace The Duke of Atholl, and respectfully ask that it be placed with that received by Lady Wilson and submitted to A. C. C. on 25th July.

A. D. Burley D. D. Inspector.

25/7/22

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to A.C.C.

Submitted

W. Gray found

at Dept 13

25/7/22.

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24th July 1922

Dear Sir,

I am sending the attached at the request of the Duke
of Atholl.

Yours truly,
M. Davis
Secretary

Detective-Inspector Burton.
Walton Street.

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[Redacted]

23. July 1922

To Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl

[Redacted]

May it please your Grace

The writer a witness who took an active part in bringing to Justice the two men charged with the diabolical murder of the late G. M. Pau. Sir Neilson and who chased the two men in Eaton Place and was within an ace of losing his life is very hurt to think that only 3 persons have received suitable recognition for the efforts they made to capture the assassins:

[Redacted] and myself were two of the very first who pursued the said men at imminent risk of our lives and loss of business entailed in attending the Police Court at Westminster and subsequently at the old Bailey where [Redacted] and myself [Redacted] gave evidence on behalf of the Crown and yet those who came on the scene long after (when there were a number to help them in their endeavors to arrest the two) are rewarded for their courage & risks whilst [Redacted] & myself are

left out of it. If he and myself had our sticks to
them in the first instance they could have got away
like they do in Ireland.

Being a man with wife and 2
children I risked my life for the gallant General &
when the dealing out of rewards take place I do think
your Grace will consider that [redacted] & myself
are worthy of a high reward. I myself have been
highly commended by Judge etc on 8 different
occasions and submit with confidence that your
Grace and other Ladies etc will consider that I with
[redacted] should be financially rewarded

6 Detective Inspector Burton knows how often &
the trouble I took in coming to London at great
expense not allowed me & also the time given to
the case. Brig. General Keiloch, Lord Arthur Hill
& Lord Carson etc will no doubt agree with you in
seeing that [redacted] & myself are suitably
rewarded, finance being more useful to me.

Thanking your Grace for your favourable
consideration. I was fired at and bullet wounded by 3 inches

I have the Honour to be

Your obedt Servant
[redacted]

Kindly let me have
early answer which will be returned.
Witness No 2 at Police Court & at 1st Old Bailey