

MRS. BRANDON'S SIST GIVES POLICE NEW L

**Says Next-Door Neighbor Paid
due Attention To Blain Woman
During Husband's Absence**

MAN AND WIFE QUESTIONED

**Mr. And Mrs. King Assert Their In-
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Victim Only Slightly And Are
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[From a Staff Correspondent]
Annapolis, Md., Aug. 10.—Suspected
of having information of the murder
of Mrs. Lottie May Haishup Brandon,
wife of Valentine Brandon, a stenog-
rapher in the employ of the United
States Experimental Station here,
Thomas A. King, a Government em-
ploye at the Naval Academy, and his
wife were brought tonight to the Court-
house to be questioned by Sheriff Sulli-
van and Detectives Kratz and Pohler,
from Baltimore.

King and his wife live in the house
adjoining the home of Brandon. The
detectives have learned that King ar-
rived at Annapolis on July 25 and
leased the cottage. The detectives say
that he frequented the Brandon house
during the husband's absence and that
he and his wife talked with Mrs. Bran-
don on the morning of her death.

It was through information given by
a sister of Mrs. Brandon that the de-
tectives and Sheriff Sullivan summoned
Mr. and Mrs. King, who since the
murder have been living at the home
of C. A. Friemel, a merchant here. The
sister made the statement that while on
a visit to the Brandons she noticed
that King was paying undue attention
to Mrs. Brandon during the absence
of her husband.

Mrs. Friemel made the statement yester-
day that she had been told by Mrs.
Brandon that she had a lover in Wash-
ington and that she kept a picture of
him hidden from her husband. It was
suspected that the lover had committed
the murder.

King Questioned And Released.

King, after being questioned for sev-
eral hours, was released. He told Sheriff
Sullivan and Detectives Kratz and
Pohler that he knew the woman only
through their meeting as he entered his
home. The detectives attacked and at-
tempted to make him change his state-
ment, but he stood steadfast to the story
that he knew Mrs. Brandon only slight-
ly and that he was not in her home on
the day of the murder.

Mrs. King was questioned nearly
three hours. She is an artist and
came here last Monday, two days
before the murder of Mrs. Brandon.
She stated to the detectives that on
Wednesday morning she and her hus-
band talked with Mrs. Brandon until
8:20 o'clock, following their breakfast.
Mrs. Brandon appeared, she said, in
good spirits. She and her husband told
the police that they heard no outcry on
the day of the murder.

In view of reports that a strange man
wearing a pink shirt was seen several
days before the murder in the Brandon
home, Mrs. King was asked about her
husband's clothes. She declared he al-
ways dressed quietly and never wore a
pink shirt.

Detectives Kratz and Pohler refused
to make any statement concerning Mr.
and Mrs. King, but it is known they will
be questioned again tomorrow.

Talked With Murdered Woman.

Mr. King is about 28 years old. His
wife is a talented young woman. She
draws well and on Tuesday King asked
her to show Mrs. Brandon some of her
drawings.

While Kratz is giving his theory serious consideration he is still working on other information which causes him at times to think that the woman was murdered.

Dr. J. C. Joyce, who performed the autopsy on Mrs. Brandon, stated that in his opinion the woman had been murdered. He said the woman was seized from the rear while at the refrigerator and dragged to the adjoining room and tossed on the bed.

Neighbors say they saw no person in the neighborhood on the day of the murders who could be suspected of entering the home of Mrs. Brandon.

Cue Leads To Baltimore.

The detectives will request some information to Marshal Carter tomorrow and ask that the clues be followed up in Baltimore. It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. King gave them important information, but the detectives doubt it is understood that they will be able to get any tangible evidence from the city leading to the identity of the murderer if Mrs. Brandon was murdered.

Sheriff Sullivan tonight offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to the identity of the woman's slayer.