

# EYES ON WOMAN IN MURDER CASE

**Mrs. Brandon's Slayer May  
Be Arrested Today,  
Police Say**

## **JEALOUSY DECLARED MOTIVE FOR CRIME**

**Detective Dougherty Finds  
New Clues After Search-  
ing Victim's Home.**

[From a Staff Correspondent.]

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Within 24 hours it is expected that the murder of Mrs. Lottie May Haislup Brandon will be solved.

Detective Dougherty, who came here from Baltimore this morning with Marshal Carter, tonight is out with Detective Kratz, of Baltimore, and they have planned to arrest a woman sometime tomorrow.

Jealousy is the motive which has been advanced by the detectives for the murder of the young wife of "Val." Brandon.

### **MARSHAL CARTER ON CASE.**

Marshal Carter, accompanied by Patrolman Hare and Detective Dougherty, of Baltimore's "homicide squad," came here in an automobile. Detective Dougherty went to the Brandon home, searched clothing, bed linen and cupboards and tried to find a clue which would lead him in the investigation of the death of the woman. He found a number of clues, and he set out, with Sheriff John R. Sullivan and Mayor James F. Strange, to run them down.

Dougherty received information in the neighborhood, not city gossip, which led him to suspect a woman.

### **ARREST IN 24 HOURS.**

It was stated by a person in authority that within 24 hours a woman would be arrested. It was stated that this woman in question had made conflicting statements to the Baltimore detectives and that she had an opportunity to easily reach the Brandon home and commit the brutal murder.

Dr. Nathaniel G. Keine, post-mortem physician for Baltimore for more than 30 years, told the detectives and police authorities who have been working on the case that Mrs. Brandon could have been strangled by a child if she was attacked from the rear, as State's Attorney Nicholas Green believed.

### **CERTAIN OF MURDER.**

Mr. Green said tonight: "I am certain that Mrs. Brandon was murdered. I have no theory that there is a possibility of her having met her death by accident. I am determined that this case be sifted and that the murderer of the woman be arrested. I have asked the Governor, the Baltimore Police Board and others to help the Anne Arundel authorities to clear up the case."

The husband of the young woman who is suspected is in the employ of the United States Government.

## SUSPECT AGAIN QUESTIONED.

Detectives Dougherty and Kratz questioned the woman tonight for more than three hours. She denied emphatically any implication in or knowledge of the murder. Her home will be searched tomorrow by the Baltimore detectives.

While the police authorities are working on the theory that the woman murdered Mrs. Brandon, they are investigating other information which they have regarding a relative of the dead woman.

Detectives Dougherty and Kratz declined to be interviewed by a large number of newspaper men who are here. It was stated that after they had completed their talk with the woman they had determined to take her to Baltimore.

Marshal Carter said that he had received positive information that Mrs. Brandon had been murdered. He brought here, at the request of the Annapolis people, Detective Dougherty, who is being given credit for the solving of the case.

When Dougherty arrived he declared it to be his opinion that Mrs. Brandon had been murdered. He held to the theory that jealousy was the motive.

## NO CRITICISM OF POLICE.

Brandon has applied to Governor Harrington to engage extra detectives. He came here early this morning and declared that he had not intended to criticize the police authorities in their conduct of the investigation of the murder of his wife.

On a trip to Baltimore with Detectives Kratz and Pohler last night Brandon denied that in the telegram sent by him to Governor Harrington he had meant to reflect upon the manner in which the case was being conducted. He said he simply means to urge greater efforts.

## SENT TELEGRAM TO GOVERNOR.

While making the train trip he wrote a telegram to the Governor to correct the impression given by his previous telegram. This message, dated Washington and received at the Executive Office this afternoon, follows:

"Having just been in Annapolis I find that the drift of opinion is that I am dissatisfied with the progress of the men on the case. I wish to state to you that Detectives Kratz and Pohler, and Sheriff Sullivan, have and are doing all in their power to clear up this mystery. I have the greatest confidence in these men and feel that a great injustice has been done them.

W. N. BRANDON.

## SUFFERED FAINTING SPELLS.

Two women who live in the neighborhood of the Brandon home declared to the Baltimore detectives today that Mrs. Brandon told them early last week that she had suffered several fainting spells the week before. She said according to these women that she fell in a faint in the kitchen of her home the Saturday before the tragedy, and had to crawl along the floor to the bedroom bed. Doctors claim that fainting spells of this nature are not uncommon, and that they are the result of a nervous system.