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Carlino Denies Killing Vallone, Says Confession 'Beaten Out of Me'

Charles (Dick) Carlino, in an exclusive jail interview with The Press, denied today that he killed Vincent Vallone and charged that peace officers beat him unmercifully to get his signed confession.

Carlino, a 28-year-old operator of a meat and grocery market, accused Sheriff Kern, Texas Rangers J. V. Klevenhagen, Capt. J. D. Walters, a county deputy, and William Ladish, chief of the Texas City police department, of forcing him to sign a confession "that I didn't even read."

Carlino showed no sign of pain which might have resulted from a beating as he talked to a Press reporter. There were no visible marks on his hands or face.

"The four of them took me out in the woods where there was a little cabin and beat me," Carlino said. "I understand that on the confession they forced me to make that they have charged me and Louis J. Marino with Vincent Vallone's murder.

'He Was My Friend'

"I did not kill him. I had no reason to. He was my friend and was trying to help me out."

With this statement Carlino described the beating which he claims

he suffered over a period of several hours.

The interview with Carlino took place in the presence of his attorney Percy Foreman in the county jail. A few minutes before that, Mr. Foreman talked to Marino for the first time since his arrest and came out with a statement that he was convinced Marino had been whipped by officers. Marino did not sign any statement.

Marino Beaten, Says Foreman

Mr. Foreman said there were marks of a rope around Marino's neck, that his body bore bruises and that his shoes were scuffed, indicating that he had been dragged about.

There were no bruises on Carlino's face.

Carlino said that he was arrested by Capt. Walters, Sheriff Kern and Ranger Klevenhagen Saturday morning around 9:30 o'clock while he was on the way to a barber shop.

Describes Arrest

"Ranger Klevenhagen stopped me in the street where I just parked my truck and said, 'Come with me, I'm a Texas Ranger,'" related Carlino. "They drove me to Texas City

and kept me in the jail there until some time Sunday morning. They questioned me almost constantly. I never rested for longer than an hour but what some officer would come in and try to get me to confess.

"The same three officers and the Texas City police chief took me in a car and told me they were taking me some place in Louisiana.

"We drove for a couple of hours and stopped at a cabin in the woods. Sheriff Kern slapped me a couple of times on my face and head.

"At one time or another all four of them struck me.

'Careful Not to Leave Marks'

"They hit me in the stomach and stomped me when I was on the floor, but they took care not to leave any marks on my face.

"Then they put a rope around my neck, but they placed a towel under the rope so it wouldn't leave any marks when they tightened the rope.

"Then I went back to the Texas City jail, and they put a bunch of papers in front of me that looked like carbon copies. I was so dazed and discouraged that I went ahead

and signed them. I don't know what was in them.

"I don't know anything about the shooting of Vincent Vallone. I certainly never shot him."

Asked if he could establish an alibi for himself on the night the lone was waylaid and shot, in a similar fashion, on lonely Cho Bayou road, Carlino started to say something, but was interrupted by his attorney.

"I'd rather you let that question go without an answer," suggested Mr. Foreman.

Carlino said that Vallone had given him "some business" and added quickly, "but I got only a small percentage of it and I can't make anything out of it."

Asked what business he had in reference to, Carlino said, "I'd rather not say at this time."

Then he added that Vallone was a casual friend "who had tried to help me."