

# Pittsburgh DA Is Found Dead Hours Before Tax Indictment

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LIGONIER, Pa., March 5 (UPI)—Robert W. Duggan, chief prosecutor for metropolitan Pittsburgh and husband of an heiress to the Mellon fortune, was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted shotgun wound today shortly before a federal grand jury indicted him for income tax fraud.

The indictment, returned in Pittsburgh, said the alleged source of Duggan's unreported income was "protection" payments collected from racketeers.

The federal indictment came after a year's investigation by U.S. and Pennsylvania authorities of Duggan's financial affairs, possible election scandals and alleged law-enforcement corruption in the Allegheny County district attorney's office at Pittsburgh.

Duggan, 48, wearing hunting clothes, was found dead about 75 feet from his summer home, Lochnoc Farm, a secluded southwestern Pennsylvania estate in the foothills of the Laurel Mountains.

Westmoreland County District Attorney Albert M. Nichols said Duggan, who had spent Monday night alone in the house, died of a chest



ROBERT W. DUGGAN

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wound caused by a double-barrelled 12-gauge shotgun found 7 to 10 feet from the body. Nichols said no notes were found on or near the body or in the house.

Unaware of Duggan's death, the federal grand jury in Pittsburgh indicted him about 9:30 a.m. today on eight counts of income tax fraud. The indictment charged that Duggan failed to report more than \$137,000 in income during 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970 and

to pay \$93,000 in additional taxes for the four years.

A state investigation also was under way into charges by the Pennsylvania Crime Commission that, among other things, Duggan failed to report \$68,003 in campaign expenses in his successful 1971 bid for re-election to an unprecedented third term as Allegheny County district attorney.

In its report Jan. 30, the Crime Commission implied that \$9,900 of Duggan's expenses might have been contributed through his former rackets squad chief by convicted numbers racketeer Anthony M. (Tony) Grosso.

The former rackets squad chief, Samuel G. Ferraro, was sentenced to six years in prison last November for failing to report \$390,000 in protection payoffs allegedly given him by Grasso.

Duggan married heiress Cordelia Scafe May, whose wealth has been estimated at \$250 million, in a secret Nevada ceremony last Aug. 29. Mrs. Duggan's financial records subsequently were subpoenaed by the government in its investigation of her husband's financial affairs.