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Doctor Says Thoresen's Wife Injured

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An orthopedic surgeon testified yesterday that Louise Thoresen had two broken ribs, numerous bruises and a puncture wound when he examined her the day after her husband was killed.

Dr. Donald R. Huene estimated in court the bruises were less than 72 hours old when he examined her nearly 36 hours after her husband was shot to death June 10.

Mrs. Thoresen, 34-year-old former speech therapist, is accused of firing five shots into her husband's back in the bedroom of their Fresno home. She is facing a preliminary hearing in municipal court.

Dr. Huene testified Mrs. Thoresen had bruises on both arms and the thigh and knee portions of both legs. He said it appeared the injuries were sustained from a "blunt object," possibly a fist.

He estimated the fractured ribs were less than one week old.

The surgeon told the court Mrs. Thoresen told him the injuries were suffered in altercations with her husband.

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Thoresen Case--Pot Admissible

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A defense motion to suppress evidence of 50 pounds of marijuana found in the home of the late William E. Thoresen III was denied here yesterday by Municipal Judge James Walton.

Thoresen's wife, Louise, has been charged with his murder on July 10 and with an additional charge of possession of the weed. She appeared before Judge Walton during a preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence on the two charges to warrant a trial on both counts.

Walton ruled that police, who found the marijuana when they entered the home to investigate the mysterious arms czar's death, "had the right to examine the crime scene."

Earlier testimony indicated Mrs. Thoresen had been beaten by her husband. He was shot five times in the back. The hearing resumes Monday. *Our Correspondent*