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LORENZ, HARRY

Lang, Henry  
"Green River"

08252

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HARRY LORENZ (HENRY LANG) killed Mrs TSCHIDA  
on 7-20-34

(ASOC) FRANK NYCHETTA

? VICTOR BAMBAK - JOE LUBA (NOT sure if crim'd  
died while escaping from State Hospital Sandstone, mn.



Harry Lorenz @ Henry Lang @  
Green River

FBI #209109

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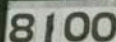
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1928, June 8th	As Henry Lang, arr.Minot,N.Dak. Charge: Dis.Conduct. Sentence: 15 days City Jail.
10-5-28	Received Minn.State Ref. Crime: Att. Gr.Lar. 1st - Ramsey County - 1-5 yrs.
7-17-31	Paroled and Violated Parole
7-19-34	Arr.Scott County for Murder committed in Dakota County.



## STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail



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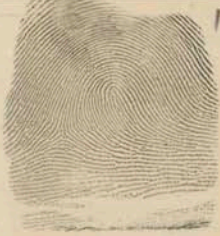









Alias Henry Lang "Green River "

No. 8100 Color White Sex Male

Classification

Ref.

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1.—Right Thumb 	2.—R. Index Finger 	3.—R. Middle Finger 	4.—R. Ring Finger 	5.—R. Little Finger 
6.—Left Thumb 	7.—L. Index Finger 	8.—L. Middle Finger 	9.—L. Ring Finger 	10.—L. Little Finger 

Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left hand

Amputations

Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right hand

Left Thumb

Right Thumb

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Prisoner's signature

Harry Lorenz 8/10

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Minnesota Weather  
Generally fair today; Sat-  
urday probably local  
thunderstorms.  
Detailed report on Page 14.

# St. Paul Pioneer Press

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Editorial Page Interpreter  
notes today.



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PRICE THREE CENTS IN ST. PAUL.

## ST. PAUL WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH; MAN HELD



# VICTIM'S NUDE BODY FOUND IN STALLED TRUCK

Ex-Convict Confesses Murder  
After Attempting Suicide  
on Way to Jail.

## SUBDUED IN FIST FIGHT

Killing Follows Drinking Party  
at Farm Home and Quarrel  
Over Money.

A 42-year-old St. Paul mother was beaten to death Thursday afternoon on a farm in Dakota county and a few hours later Harry Lorenz, farmer near Rosemount and former convict, was discovered carrying the victim's nude body in an old truck. Subdued in a fist fight after he had attempted to take his own life, Lorenz was arrested and confessed the killing.

The woman is Mrs. Mary Tschida, 1377 Schletti street, who had been cited to appear in court here today for neglect of her 7-year-old son, Frank. Her body had been placed in the truck and covered with tree branches.

Overpowered near Shakopee by Sheriff Arthur Mesenbrink of Scott county, Lorenz, who has served two terms in St. Cloud reformatory, pulled four poison pills from his pocket and swallowed them. The poison was pumped from his stomach a few minutes later and he was taken to the Scott county jail.

### Captured After Chase.

Lorenz' capture came after a 25-mile chase by South St. Paul police, Dakota county deputy sheriffs and agents of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

H. A. Irwin of Shakopee, Scott county attorney, said that inasmuch as the crime was committed in Dakota county Lorenz will be turned over to authorities in that county.

Lorenz told Irwin he knew the woman was dead and that she was in his truck but that he "didn't remember killing her." He said she had been drinking.

The former convict, who was shot in an attempted burglary at Red Wing a few years ago, said he was en route to the home of his father, August Lorenz, at Mayer, near Shakopee, when he was intercepted by the sheriff.

"I don't want to live so I might as well kill somebody before I die," Lorenz told Sheriff Mesenbrink as he was scuffling with him.

An anonymous telephone call, informing Mesenbrink that "a woman's body is in a truck on the highway," led to Lorenz' arrest. The sheriff, observing a truck with two flat tires near the farm home of Charles Kopp, two miles east of Shakopee, stopped to investigate.

Mesenbrink saw Lorenz, carrying a pail of water for the overheated radiator of the truck. The sheriff approached him, Lorenz started to swing, but after a few blows the sheriff knocked him down, handcuffed him and took him to a hospital where the poison was pumped from his stomach after he had attempted suicide.



### Injured in Train.

Dr. H. W. Reiter, Scott county coroner, following an autopsy, announced Mrs. Tschida's death was due to injuries to her brain and multiple hemorrhages.

Mrs. Tschida was the former wife of Frank Nychetta of St. Paul who was shot and killed about five years ago by officers investigating the theft of a car at Lake Elmo. Lorenz was with Nychetta at the time of the shooting.

According to Lorenz' story to Irwin, he was getting up at 4 A. M. at his farm when Mrs. Tschida, a frequent visitor at his home, in company with Helen Nygaard and Victor Bambanek, both roomers at the Tschida home, and Joe Luba, 868 Gaultier street, came to his place and suggested they all go fishing.

Lorenz said he told them he could not go because he was busy harvesting, and at that Mrs. Tschida stayed at his place while the others left for a nearby lake. After they had gone, he said, he and Mrs. Tschida obtained some liquor and started to drink.

### Woman on Floor.

Then, Lorenz said, he and Mrs. Tschida went to the home of James Fitzgibbons, half a mile from Lorenz' farm. The next thing he remembered, he said, was that Mrs. Tschida was lying on the floor and Fitzgibbons told him she was dead.

"I then dragged her body out to my truck and put it in the back," Lorenz told Irwin. "I started to drive. Two of my tires were flat so I couldn't drive very fast. I intended to go to my father's home at Mayer. But here I am now. I don't want to live anyway."

Lorenz said he drove through Savage. He said he remembered missing his pocketbook and accusing Mrs. Tschida of taking it but that he did not recall beating her.

Questioned by police, Miss Nygaard said that Mrs. Tschida remained at the Lorenz farm when the others left to go to the lake and that when they returned about 10 A. M. Mrs. Tschida and Lorenz were quarreling over a \$5 bill which Lorenz asserted Mrs. Tschida had taken from him.

They stayed some time, she said, and finally, becoming tired of the squabble between the woman and Lorenz, left for St. Paul. The two were at the farm home, she said, when they left.

After driving five or six miles  
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# Wife Slayer's Term Doubled

Harry Lorenz Given 2 to 30  
Years — Father Charged  
With Jury Tampering

Harry Lorenz, Barnesville township farmer convicted of second degree manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Mary Tschida of St. Paul, was brought into District Court at Hastings and given a doubled sentence of from two to 30 years in prison, while his father was charged with attempting to tamper with the jury at his son's trial.

A sentence of from one to 15 years in prison was first imposed on Lorenz, after his conviction. He was returned to court, however, when officers discovered he had served a prison term in 1928 for grand larceny. Under the Minnesota habitual criminal act, his sentence was doubled.

Mrs. Tschida, a resident of St. Paul, was beaten to death after a drinking party at the Lorenz farm last July. Authorities captured Lorenz as he was driving toward Shakopee in a truck. The body was found in the rear of the truck, covered with branches from a tree.

Lorenz was charged with second degree murder, but a District Court jury found him guilty of second degree manslaughter.

The normal penalty for manslaughter is from one to 15 years in prison. Lorenz' sentence was doubled, however, because he had been previously convicted of a felony.

Lorenz' father, August Lorenz, was charged with contempt of court after the court had heard that the father had attempted to influence members of the jury. He is to appear in court tomorrow for a hearing.



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A quarrel which started at the Dakota county farm home of Harry Lorenz, 35 years old, former convict, ended Thursday in the sla



them. When they reached the farm, both Lorenz and Mrs. Tschida had disappeared and they found the boy wandering in a nearby field, crying.

Immediately after discovery of the slaying, the boy could not be found and it was feared he might have been harmed. He later was found at the Luba home and taken to police headquarters where he was questioned as were Miss Nygaard, Bambanek and James Fleming, another roomer at the Tschida home.

Juvenile officers said Thursday night that Mrs. Tschida was scheduled to appear today in juvenile court on a charge of neglecting her son.

H. E. Stassen, Dakota county attorney, announced Thursday night he had questioned Lorenz and obtained a full statement from him, admitting the killing. Lorenz, Stassen said, had signified his willingness to plead guilty to a murder charge. He will be held pending presentation of the case to the Dakota county grand jury when it convenes this fall, the county attorney said.

The first information that someone had been slain was in an anonymous telephone call to the South St. Paul police station about 2:30 P. M. that "a woman has been murdered." Almost simultaneously, Henry Kohls, a neighbor of Lorenz, telephoned Rosemount and asked that a physician be sent to a point six miles from Rosemount.

"I was in my field when Lorenz drove past in his truck," Kohls said. "Lorenz shouted to me, 'Get a doctor quick'. I saw a woman's body partly protruding from branches in the back of the truck. I ran to a nearby farmhouse and phoned Rosemount. When I got back on the road the truck was gone. I guess Lorenz didn't stop."

Fifteen-year-old Robert Sawinski,

Her face was puffed up and it was black. She moaned and made gurgling sounds in her throat. It frightened me.

"My husband tried to talk with Harry but Harry was drunk and wanted to argue," continued Mrs. De Shaw. "Harry said that the woman (Mrs. De Shaw did not know the murder victim's last name) had stolen some money from him and that he beat her up for it. After he said this he kicked the woman in the side and swore at her.

"We started to walk to the house and Harry said 'I can't get her to come to.' He had been throwing water on her, but she couldn't breathe because there was a strip of cloth around her neck. My husband told Harry he had better take the woman to a hospital because she was dying, and Harry got mad. He started to walk toward his car. My husband was afraid he had a gun there, and started to reason with him. Finally Harry put the woman in the back end of the truck and started up. He shouted to us, 'I'm going to throw her in the river.' The woman was not breathing when she was put in the truck."

It is believed that Lorenz stopped at his home, about one-half mile down the road, before continuing his attempted getaway. Inspection of the house disclosed his hat on a blood-splashed bed. Mrs. De Shaw said Lorenz was wearing the hat when he was at the Fitzgibbons.

Besides her son, Frank, Mrs. Tschida is survived by Casimir Dorwynga, 20 years old, of St. Paul, a son by a former marriage.

According to Melvin C. Passolt, superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Lorenz, who is 35 years old, served two terms in St. Cloud reformatory for auto theft. He was sentenced in 1929 from Minneapolis and a second time from Red Wing.



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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 209 109, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Minot NDak	Henry Lang #--	6-8-28	diso cond	15 das city j1
SRef St Cloud Minn	Harry Lorenz #8100	10-13-28	att GL 1st	1-5 yrs
SP Stillwater Minn	Harry Lorenz #12516	12-11-34	mansl 2nd & pr conv	indt 30 yrs 12-4-40 trans to Minn SHosp St Peter Minn
SP Stillwater Minn	Harry Lorenz #12516	Returned 3-5-40 fr Minn SHosp	not given	
PD St Paul Minn	Harry Lorenz #21273	6-25-56	escape f/Sandstone SHosp	6-26-56 TOT Sandstone SHosp auth Sandstone Minn

Revised record.  
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## DEATH NOTICE

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Date January 3, 1957

Attention IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Dear Sir:

The following is the record of a death of an individual whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Division of the FBI:

Name HARRY LORENZAliases HENRY LANG @ "GREEN RIVER"Number 8252 Sex MaleAgency Bureau of Criminal ApprehensionFBI # 209109

Fingerprint 17 L 1 R IOI 7  
Classification M 1 R IOI 9

Date of Death September 8, 1956Death Caused by (Unknown to this Bureau)Subject died while on escape from StateHospital, Sandstone, Minnesota

Name and Address of Contributor

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension488 No. WabashaSt. Paul 2, Minnesota

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This form can be used by a Law Enforcement Agency when it receives accurate and positive information concerning the death of an individual whose fingerprints are in the file of the FBI. As a general rule in those cases where a Law Enforcement Agency is investigating a death the ten inked impressions should be taken on a regular fingerprint card.

Date of Death September 2, 1955

Death Caused by (Unknown to this Bureau)

Subject died while on active duty State

Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota

Name HARRY JONES

Aliases HARRY LAM & NORMAN REVERE

Number 8252 Sex Male

Agency Bureau of Criminal Investigation

FBI # 161

Fingerprint 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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