

Frazier Jury Views Scene

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The jury in the Frazier murder trial, brought here from Redwood City to view the scene they previously had seen on paper, saw the defendant cuddle a puppy and then kick a rusted-out car Friday afternoon.

The incident occurred when the eight-woman, four-man jury visited the 4500 Cornwell Road address where John Linley Frazier, 25, lived and was captured following the Oct. 19, 1970, slaying of Dr. Victor Ohta, his wife, their two children and the doctor's secretary, Dorothy Cadwallader.

Frazier, flanked by San Mateo County sheriff's deputies, was following the jury from the tour bus parked near a rabbit shed toward his shack when a small puppy ran out to him. The

defendant stooped and began playing with the dog, while newsmen crowded one another to get a picture of the scene. The deputies allowed the prisoner to pet the puppy for a time, then one said, "Okay. Let's go."

"What?" Frazier said, as if preoccupied. "Oh. Oh yeah. Really." He got to his feet, and the puppy, which had been biting at the chain around his waist, fell back, its tail wagging.

As Frazier and his guards approached the cable bridge leading to the shack, Frazier's foot lashed out and struck a rusting abandoned auto, startling jurors and newsmen with a loud thunk.

District Attorney Peter Chang noted the depth of the bramble choked ravine beneath the long stretch of bare wire cable. He pointed out a drawbridge Frazier had reportedly built to protect himself from an unnamed enemy.

The defendant seemed content to be back in the area he once called home, and smiled frequently. The surrounding houses, once the homes of informants who identified Frazier two days after the slaying, are now occupied by others. The inhabitants generally stayed away from the crush of jurors, lawmen and press.

Frazier's apparent good humor abated somewhat when the jury visited the scene of the Ohta slayings at 999 Rodeo Gulch Road. He was quiet as he followed the jury through the burned-out Ohta home which is being repaired by executors of the estate.

Presiding Judge Charles Franich kept newsmen out while the court toured the house. The press was only excluded while the jury went through. Many had been inside prior to the arrival of the court, and Franich allowed other newsmen to look at the building after the jury had gone through.

Chang pointed out areas pertaining to his case at the pool and on the driveways leading to the house.

Earlier Friday the jury toured

the rainsoaked San Lorenzo Valley in a bus as Chang and Defense Attorney James Frazier, and a Santa Cruz Jackson pointed out areas shown on maps.

Throughout the day, two DA's

A caravan of some 15 cars (Continued on Page 6)

Crewmen Subdue Armed Hijacker

CALGARY, Alta. (AP) — Crewmen on a commandeered Air Canada jetliner won a desperate struggle to subdue the plane's shotgun-wielding hijacker early Saturday, knocking him out with a fire ax as he reached for his pocket and cried, "I'll blow you all up."

The sky pirate, claiming he carried dynamite wired as a bomb, had taken the DC8 on a six-hour zig-zag journey between the Canada and the United States.

The hijacker boarded the Vancouver-to-Toronto flight when it stopped at Calgary. He pulled a shotgun from under his overcoat and demanded \$1.5 million and a ride to Ireland,

claiming he was a member of the rebel Irish Republican Army.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police identified him as Paul Joseph Cini, 27, of Calgary.

After taking over the plane, the man fired a warning blast of his shotgun. None of the 118 passengers or 9 crew members was wounded. The passengers were let off in Great Falls, Mont., but the commandeered jet's wild journey continued.

The Canadian police said they recovered a quantity of explosives after the plane finally landed in Calgary. A sum of \$50,000 that the hijacker picked up in Great Falls also was recovered by Canadian police.

The plane's pilot, Capt. Vern Ehman, said in a news conference that on the return to Calgary the short, curly haired man said he was going to bail out. Ehman said the hijacker had a twine-wrapped package he aimed contained a parachute.

But Ehman said he doubted that there was a parachute inside.

"I felt the man was bent on self-destruction" and would have thrown the plane up, the pilot said. "I decided that drastic action had to be taken."

The hijacker asked for a knife and cut the twine on his package and Ehman offered him a fire ax. When the man put on his shotgun to cut the twine the captain said he realized his "might be the only chance I would get. I pitched the plane down the aisle as far

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Ohta

Frazier And Jury Visit Scene Of Ohta Slayings

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inspectors drove in advance of the bus and were waiting when it arrived at each location. Additional sheriff's units bolstered Frazier's guard when the Cornwell Road property was visited.

Frazier showed his guards the location of railroad tracks near the Rincon tunnel when the caravan stopped at a turnout of Highway 9.

"They're about 150 yards right down here," he said pointing down the side of a hill. The

tracks were partially obscured by trees and a white mist which accompanied the morning rain.

Mrs. Virginia Ohta's station wagon was found in the tunnel the night following the five slayings. It had been driven up

a section of tracks from a dirt road off Highway 9, set afire and abandoned.

The jury also visited that access road and looked down the tracks toward the tunnel.

Court was recessed until Monday shortly before 5 p.m. at the

Ohta residence, and the jury and the defendant went back to Redwood City.

Monday morning, Defense Attorney Jackson will begin cross-examination of Jerry Chisum, a criminologist who Wednesday testified that a pocket knife

Frazier was carrying when arrested had traces of copper in nicks of the blade "consistent with the wire" in a telephone cord which had been cut at the Ohta home.

The criminologist is one of Chang's last witnesses. The

DA said he will probably complete his case Tuesday or Wednesday. Frazier's trial began four weeks ago with selection of the jury.

Frazier has pledged innocent and innocent by reason of insanity to the murder charges.



John Linley Frazier pauses near the shack he called home to play with a puppy. Moments after this picture was taken Friday the accused killer kicked a rusted wreck of an automobile, abandoned nearby.



District Attorney Peter Chang indicates the Rincon tunnel on the Southern Pacific railroad tracks Friday about noon as jurors listen intently. The tunnel is where Mrs. Virginia Ohta's

station wagon was abandoned the night after she and four others were slain. The Redwood City jury spent Friday morning in the rain-swept San Lorenzo Valley.



After Judge Charles Franich recessed the jury Friday following its visit to Santa Cruz, defendant John Linley Frazier went to his waiting patrol car, turned and laughed.



Judge Charles Franich, left foreground, leads the Redwood City jury, the defendant, lawmen and press to the Frazier

SLV Trustees To Meet Monday

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pearance of the high school
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approval of individual study
guidelines, addition of addition-
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the regular meeting schedule,
and leasing of a property of-
fered for an extra-curricular
automotive repair program.

Fire Calls

Friday, Nov. 12, 1971

Santa Cruz Fire Department
6:50 p.m. — Smoke check at county
center; nothing found.

Capitola Fire Department
9:55 p.m. — Woman down at 215
block of Capitola Avenue.
10:56 p.m. — First aid to auto acci-
dent victim, 2546 Capitola Road.

Live Oak Fire Department
11:59 p.m. — Auto accident, 2546
Capitola Road.
5:46 p.m. — Auto accident, East Cliff
Drive and 16th Avenue.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1971

Santa Cruz Fire Department
12:45 p.m. — Dryer fire, 149 School
St.; out on arrival.
11:11 a.m. — False alarm at UCSC's
applied science building.

Capitola Fire Department
6:35 a.m. — Pole fire, 614 Capitola
Avenue.
7:51 a.m. — Possible flooding check,
123 block of Monterey Avenue.
9 a.m. — Flooded buildings, 400 block
of Bay Avenue.
9:30 a.m. — Overdose of narcotics,
1785 - 47th Avenue.
12:40 p.m. — Auto accident, highway
1 at Bay Avenue off-ramp

Aptos Fire Department
6:36 a.m. — Wire down at 124 Mar
Vista Court.
12:20 a.m. — Illegal burn on Spruce
Street

Jurors, most dressed for hiking over rough terrain, look at a
spot at the Ohta swimming pool that District Attorney Peter
Chang, left, indicated had been chipped by a bullet. The DA

Friday also showed the jury bloodstains they had previously
seen in color photographs in the courtroom in Redwood City.
John Frazier's attorney, James Jackson, left rear, stares
across the pool.



Lawmen, jurors and the defendant, John Linley Frazier,
follow District Attorney Chang from the partially reconstructed
Ohta residence Friday and walk in the direction of the swim-
ming pool, where the five bodies were found by firemen more
than a year ago. Frazier, in background, pauses to gae over
land as the jury walked by.

Valencia Farm

day. San Mateo deputies, in
charge of John Frazier, re-
ceived heavy backup from lo-
cal sheriff's deputies while the
tour was taken on the remote
Cornwell property.

Riverside Grove Hearing Slated

A public hearing to receive
protests on proposed formation
of a \$298,900 Riverside Grove
Assessment District to fund im-
provements of a water system
will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m.
in Boulder Creek Fire House by
San Lorenzo Valley County
Water District directors.

Water system improvements
are intended to meet standards
set by the directors to qualify
the Riverside Grove subdivision
north of Boulder Creek for dis-
trict water service.

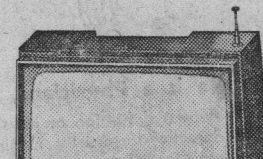
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Jurors in the murder trial of John Linley Frazier (above) gaze into the pool at the Ohta home Friday during a tour of Santa Cruz County. The Redwood City jury came here to see spots related to the slayings of Dr. Victor Ohta, his wife, their two sons and the doctor's secretary on Oct. 19, 1970. The bodies were found in the pool. Frazier is in center foreground of this photo taken by Sentinel Photographer Bill Lovejoy.

Surrounded by uniformed officers from two counties and newsmen, John Linley Frazier, 25, accused slayer of five people, walked Friday through the property off Cornwall Road—the area he once called home. Frazier was captured in a shack near the spot this picture was taken more than a year ago. His trial was moved to San Mateo County following a successful change of venue motion. (Photo By Sentinel Photographer Bill Lovejoy)



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