

East Kildonan Man Charged In Death Of Mother

Michael Sednyk, 43, son of a 77-year-old East Kildonan woman who died March 8, was charged with capital murder in provincial police court Wednesday. He was remanded a week without plea.

The charge was laid following an inquest Tuesday night which returned an open verdict in the death.

Mrs. Mary Sytnyk, of 649 Melrose Avenue was found dead in

a bed in her home about 1 a.m. March 9 by East Kildonan police.

Two Deep Cuts

The jury ruled that Mrs. Sytnyk died "from shock and bleeding as a result of a severe beating administered by a person or persons unknown."

Dr. Stewart Lauchlan, pathologist at the Winnipeg General Hospital told the jury there were two deep cuts on the woman's scalp. He said she was badly bruised and several of her ribs had been broken.

Constable Albert Sorokowski testified that when he arrived at 649 Melrose Avenue he was directed to the basement of the home by Mr. Sednyk, the dead woman's son.

Const. Sorokowski said he found the nude body of Mrs. Sytnyk lying on a bed in the basement. There were visible bruises to the body and head, he said.

Blood On Bottle

East Kildonan police chief Chris Einfeld told the jury he found a whisky bottle which had blood stains on the label, and saw under the kitchen table a butcher knife with "what appeared to be blood stains on the blade."

Chief Einfeld said there were blood stains on the living room floor, on the tile of the bathroom

floor and several spots on the kitchen floor.

He said there were smears which appeared to be blood on the stairs leading down to the basement.

Dr. Bryson Murray placed time of death sometime between 7 and 8 p.m. of March 8. The inquest was held at the Law Courts building.

Four Escape From Jail

Winnipeg police are searching for four juveniles who escaped from the Vaughan Street Detention Home late Tuesday afternoon.

Police said the youths, three 16-year-olds and one age 17, broke away about 6 p.m.

Free Press Meetings

Meetings to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Free Press building include: board room No. 1, ladies auxiliary, French Reservists; board room No. 2, the Manitoba Lawn Bowling Association; clubroom, Winnipeg Philatelic Society.

Blaze Destroys House

DOMINION CITY, Man. (Special) — A one-room frame house on the Rouseau Indian Reserve near here was burned to the ground early Wednesday by what is believed to be a gang of arsonists.

Alex Johnson of the reserve said he was awakened twice during the night by noises outside his house. Rushing outside he saw a small group of men run across the clearing beside his house and disappear into nearby bush.

Mr. Johnson, his wife and three children escaped unharmed from the blaze. There was no insurance