

MURDER TESTIMONY IN RUM AGENT'S TRIAL ENDS

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Taking of testimony in the trial of James L. Asher, prohibition agent, known as the "Lone Wolf," for second degree nurder in connection with the death of Peter Yancauskas, a saloon-keeper, luring a raid, ended today in the federal district court, after it had been alleged that one of the witnesses for the prosecution had offered to "sell out for \$1,000."

The same witness, Irwin Jenkins, testified last Friday that two prohibition agents had offered him \$300 to leave the city. Today William Calhoun, a member of the prohibition intelligence unit, stated that Jenkins had said he was not present during the struggle in which Yancauskas is alleged to have received fatal injuries, and that Jenkins expressed willingness to accept \$250 on account, after making the offer to leave the city for \$1,000.

Asher is charged with having ticked Yancauskas during a raid on the latter's saloon. Yancauskas died two months later of peritonitis, which the prosecution claims resulted from injuries inflicted by Asher. As an agent of the government, Asher is being defended by the Federal district attorney's office, while the commonwealth is pressing the charge.

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