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find there. Something was said about payment. You said that if I was put to any expense or trouble you would see that I was paid for it. In consequence I went out on Sunday last (25th August). I entered Hawkings's property from a point near Ngahauranga. I came along a track which led along the face of the hill. I got up to the top of the hill. I saw a man named Collins, who is employed by Mrs. Hawkings. He asked me what I was doing there, and asked if I wanted to see any person. He asked me if I had seen the notices about the place. I said I had. I said I was there in search of evidence of Hawkings's murder.

Did he tell you in which direction to go?—He said if anything was to be found it would be found in among those gullies, pointing to the target-gully on the way to Chemis's. I went down the other side. I went to the creek that runs from Dimock's to the butts. I am not used to plans, but as near as I can judge I was at the corner I mark with a red cross when I was speaking to Collins. I went from there in the direction of the furze. I discovered a creek running on Hawkings's property from the direction of Hawkings's house into the main creek on my right going up from Dimock's. I was going up it from the main creek. I found two falls in the creek. I found a second fall of about 8ft. or 10ft. fall, and as I was going up I saw something at the bottom

Were there any boulders there?—Yes; I saw something lying on a boulder. I first saw a shot-pouch lying on the boulder. I saw the end of it sticking up. I did not see anything but the top of the shot-pouch. I picked it up. I had not seen anything else before I picked up the shot-flask. I next saw something—the blade of a knife, before I saw anything else. It was on its end, sticking straight up, the blade uppermost. I took possession of the knife. I could not see the handle before I picked it up. It was surrounded by leaves. I rummaged about the leaves to see the anything else was there, and I found a knife-sheath. There were not many leaves over the shorth. I could not see the shorth of the short people because it was covered with 3in or sheath. I could not see the leather of the shot-pouch, because it was covered with 3in. or 4in. of leaves.

By the Court. They had the appearance as if they had fallen over the pouch. There was no

appearance of water having flowed over them.

By Mr. Jellicoe.] There was a thick overgrowth overhead. I do not think the shot-pouch produced is the same [J], because it was a straight one. That looks a good deal like the pouch. The one I found was marked with a black mark on it like this. According to the black mark on it I should say the pouch is the same. The end was resting on the boulder. Leaves, sticks, and rubbish were holding it underneath. It is the pouch, I believe. The knife produced is the one I found [K]. About 2½in. or 2in. were sticking up. The sheath produced is the same I found [L]. When I found them I took them home, and then took them to Mr. Jellicoe's house, and gave them to Mr. Glascodine. I did not see Mr. Jellicoe. I went out this morning with Mr. Glascodine, and with you, and another person. I pointed out to you and Mr. Glascodine the spot in the creek where I found these articles, and the position I found them in, within a foot of each other. The knife might have fallen from the sheath if thrown from above from the position in which I found them. The knife going first would go first and stick up. Portions of the knife and shot-pouch were partly

exposed. I was not more than a couple of feet away from the pouch when I first saw it.

By Mr. Bell.] The overgrowth joined overhead: The things may have been a foot away from the water when I found them. There was no water flowing over the ground, it was flowing under the leaves. It would certainly not have been covered with water in winter. I have been told that it was a plant to catch me. Mr. Dyer said so to me last Monday or Tuesday. No one told me to go up this creek. No one knew I was going there. I had never been up that creek before. I had been searching the hill before. I called some men to look at these things when I found them. There were Jim Holmes and five others. When I showed these things nothing was said about the pouch being Hodges. I did not know it was connected with Chemis. I asked them if they had seen anything of the things before. They each and all said they had not seen anything of the things before. I know James Holmes, he is an honourable man. My recollection is that he said he had not seen these things before. I asked them all to take particular notice of them. I understood them all to say they had not seen any of the things before. I believe they each said they had not seen any of the things before. When Dyer said it was a plant, I said it was impossible it was a plant, that no man would do such a thing. I believe it is no plant. In my own mind it was no plant. I have not the slighest doubt about it. I did not hear Jellicoe say to the warder, "Have you been here before," when at the creek. The warder threw a stone or stick into the creek to show Mr. Jellicoe how far he had gone up the creek. That was not so far up the creek as I found the things. I found them about 30 yards further up. Reardon, the warder, did not say other people had been up further. We went in a cab this morning. It was arranged last night that I should go this morning. About 10 o'clock last night.

By Mr. Jellicoe.] I had been dreaming previously for some weeks about Chemis' murder case. I was looking for things the murder had been committed with before I saw Mr. Jellicoe. There was nothing said in the cab this morning about what we were going to do. After I left the cab I went in

front to show the way.

John Coyle, sworn, saith: I am a warder at Terrace Gaol. Mr. Bell asked me just now who were with me on the 2nd August, when I went up the creek. I went to Hawkings's property this morning with Mr. Glascodine. Reardon had been previously this morning. I was at this creek on the 2nd August on instructions from the Gaoler. Reardon was with me, and another warder, Foreman, joined me. We were searching about the scene of the murder to see if we could find anything to throw any light upon it. I went this morning with Mr. Glascodine to a creek running into the main creek on the right-hand side going from Dimock's. We went into the hollow of the fall about 8 or 10ft. I went up that creek from the main creek on the 2nd August. I had a stick with me to probe about with. I climbed up the left side of the fall. Glascodine pointed out the place where the things were said to be found. On 2nd August I could not say I disturbed this