

exact spot. I probed here and there in the creek in any likely place, of course I did not probe the whole of the creek. I followed it up to the fall. I did not see any knife, shot-pouch, or sheath. If the shot-pouch had been exposed as described I should have seen it, as I was searching closely. My instructions were to search closely. If there had been a knife exposed as described by Mr. Lowe I think I should have seen it. I heard him describe where he found the sheath, with leaves and rubbish over it. I might have disturbed the rubbish, but I cannot say. I climbed up the bank by the fall, and met Reardon higher up. I helped to dig up some of the earth near the scene of the murder where the paper was found, where I believe the knife was found. We had no instructions, at least I had not. I was looking to see if we could find anything to throw a light on the murder. Reardon, Nelson, and O'Connor were the persons who were digging the earth on Monday.

*By Mr. Bell.]* On the 2nd August, Reardon and I went together, and Foreman followed. We left a signal for Foreman. We went out by the 7.15 train. Reardon and I went to the scene of the murder; from there we went over the spur to the track on Hawkings's side of the main creek, and separated at about where the small creek joins the main creek. We first of all searched the gorse; not every inch of it; we did it as well as we could. We might have missed finding the end of a shot-pouch, and blade of a knife sticking out, if they had been on the hill. From the hill we went down into the main creek, and I followed down the main creek towards the bridge as far as the bush covers the creek. Then I returned, and went up a creek to the right—the one Mr. Glascodine showed me this morning. It was between 8 and 9 o'clock that I got to the place where I turned up. I got to the scene of the murder about 8 o'clock. In that time I had searched the hill and the main creek. I did not search the hill thoroughly. The main creek was nearly dry. I turned over all places where there was soft rubbish in the creek. I was in the creek itself about half an hour altogether. I think I got on the scene about 8 o'clock; I was there before 8 o'clock. I thought it was a serious matter. I did not go more than fifty yards down the creek. It might be more or less. I struck the main creek where it joins the small creek, marked "Creek." I went down the bed of the main creek, and came down the creek. I do not think I made a complete search yet; I do not think anybody could. I searched coming down, as well as going up. I was about three, or four, or five minutes in the small creek. If the small top of the flask was uncovered, I must have seen it: if only an inch had been uncovered. From the main creek to the waterfall is about 20ft. or 30ft. I heard Lowe say Reardon had thrown a stick or stone about 50ft., as showing where he had been to. There is a bush growing on each side of the creek. There was only a trickle of water in the creek on the 2nd August—the same as it was this morning. I am the only man who went to that spot, as far as I know. I was a member of the police force in England, and have made many searches. I was about nine years in the police force, and left five years ago last December. I did not go over the hills again after leaving the creek—not immediately after, but at 11 o'clock we went over the same way as we started. We scattered, and did not walk together. We were searching all the time. When you got on the hills, where did you go to?—We crossed the creek, and went towards Chemis's. We went to Hawkings's hill in the afternoon. We went over different ground—some of it was different. The principal officer, I expect, Mr. Reardon, made a report. We smoked a good deal of the time; not all the time.

*By Mr. Jellicoe.]* We could search as well as smoke. I was instructed to make a close search, and I obeyed my instructions. We were told to search for anything at all that might throw any light on the matter. If we had found buttons, or pieces of paper, we should have picked them up. It was very rough country. I did not have a watch with me that day; I did not look at the time. Some of the men did look at the time. We did not take off our coats that day, but the day previous we did. We were there two and a half days in the neighbourhood. Mr. Glascodine and myself went up the track this morning as far as the fall, then left the track and went into the hollow at the fall.

*Charles Edward Glascodine, sworn, saith:* I am an English solicitor. On Sunday last, the 22nd August, Mr. Lowe handed me a knife and sheath, and a shot-pouch. The shot-pouch contained shot. Those produced are the same. They were in a handkerchief. On Tuesday morning I handed the knife and sheath to Mr. Skey, and the same day, in the afternoon, I took the shot-pouch to Mr. Tolley, the gunsmith, at Mr. Denton's. The knife was kept in the safe. I believe you kept the keys, both keys, and it was kept locked. I took the knife and sheath out of the safe on Tuesday morning. Tolley, at my request, took the shot out of the pouch. Mr. Tolley put them in a box and sealed them up at my request. I produced the box marked "I." I was in Court on Monday, and I know the shot-pouch was brought down to the office, and I saw it put in the safe again by you. I took it from the safe when I gave it to Mr. Tolley. I went with Warder Reardon, Lowe, and yourself this morning to Hawkings's property. Lowe pointed out the place where he found the articles produced, and described how they laid. I returned to the Terrace Gaol with Warder Reardon, and went out immediately afterwards with Warder Coyle. I showed Coyle the place where Lowe had pointed out as where he found these articles. I went along the track after going up the road. We left the track at the fall, and went into the hollow with Coyle. I described how the things were found. Lowe had left some pieces of wood as he had found the articles. You gave the pieces of wood to Lowe, and he placed them in position. They were marked "pouch," "sheath," and "knife." Tolley put them in his hand and said the size was "3;" and then he afterwards said they were mixed, "3, 4, and 6," I think he said.

*William Skey, sworn, saith:* I am the Government Analyst. I received the knife and sheath contained in the box produced from Mr. Glascodine, on Tuesday last. I carefully examined the knife. It is a single-edge knife. It looks like a butcher's knife. I examined it very carefully for blood. I did not find any trace or indications of blood. I found iron rust on it; there was a good deal on the brand side. I did not notice the point portion; but I examined it all for blood. I have removed the rust. I cannot say how long it has been in water. It had been in a long time—