

BOOTLEGGER TRAGEDY FACTS STILL HIDDEN

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PROSECUTOR IS UNABLE TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF TRAGEDY 72 HOURS OLD SOME ARE ABSOLVED

ONE MAN SEES DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DENIES HE WAS BRUNO'S CHUM

Domenico DePolo, 502 Burnet avenue, named as the companion of Bruno Nistico, the victim in a police ambush Monday night at the Faatz hotel in the Cicero road, walked into the district attorney's office today and disclaimed all knowledge of or connection with Nistico, bootlegging and the mysterious killing.

Apart from this development, the mystery of who killed Nistico while nine men, four of them police officers, stood by, is as deep today, the third day, as it was the first, as far as investigators have revealed.

Statements have been obtained from all principal and supplementary witnesses except De Polo. Harry Beam, 205 Burnet avenue, victim of bootlegging trickery by Nistico, and instigator of the plot to trap him, is reported to have made a clear and definite statement.

INQUIRY FAILS TO SOLVE MYSTERY

The best version of that statement obtainable is to the effect that Beam saw Nistico grappling with Arthur Van Tassel just before he was shot. James A. Stapleton, another prohibition enforcement agent, was behind Nistico. The patrolmen present, John Kulas and Louis Snow, were out toward the road to cut off escape. William f. Hannon, a former dry agent, was inside the hotel. The

shooting was in the yard. Joseph Spoto, the driver of the truck that brought the bootleg consignment to the trap with the victim, was aboard the truck. So was a third man, Missing or not known. John Timson, Timmins or Timinski, was elsewhere, just where it could not be learned.

The caliber of the bullet that killed Nistico has not been made known officially, although it is presumptively a .38, it is reasoned from the exoneration of the city police officers. Ownership of a .38-calibre revolver is ascribed to at least one of the two dry agents.

PROSECUTOR BELIEVES DE POLO

Silence and secrecy have prevailed in the care from the start and public expression is making an issue of it.

The apparent exculpation of the man who fled may be only apparent. District Attorney Malpass, when Domenico DePolo called, said he believed his statement that he was not involved. The barber said he knows Beam and Timson, but none of the others. He wanted to rid his name of any connection with the case.

The barber first connected with the case by reporters was described as an East Washington street barber. Joseph DePolo is listed in the directory as employed at 439

East Washington street and living at 529
East Washington street. There are three
other barbers of somewhat similar names

listed in the directory, but the original report
was that Nistico's companion is named
"Dominick."