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Fugitive Marine Kills His Employer Because He Talked About Seeing Flying Ghosts

By UNITED PRESS

A 19-year-old AWOL Marine told Las Vegas police yesterday how he shot and killed a rancher who wouldn't heed his warning to stop "raving about ghosts . . . or I'll blow your brains out."

A report from the Las Vegas officers led sheriff's deputies to a desolate 20-acre ranch 15 miles northwest of Lancaster, Calif., where they found the body of Joseph Welford Cyr, 35, at the bottom of an unfinished well.

Deputies reported that William Marion Lawson of Campbell, Calif., an escapee from a Navy brig, confessed killing Cyr "during a blackout" when questioned in a Las Vegas bar about a gun he attempted to pawn.

"He tormented me with weird stories of the supernatural," the Marine was quoted as saying. "I couldn't stand it any more."

Lawson, according to Las Vegas police, said Cyr permitted him to hide out at his lonely alfalfa ranch after Lawson had escaped from the Long Beach, Calif., naval brig six weeks ago. Lawson

worked as Cyr's hired man.

Lawson was quoted as saying that Cyr suffered hallucinations; he described the rancher as obsessed with visions of "flying ghosts" and "walking corpses."

They were digging in the well Friday, Lawson said, with Cyr at the bottom, ranting about "ghosts, reincarnation and hearing voices."

"Finally I couldn't stand it any more," Lawson told police. "I yelled down to him that if he didn't shut up, I'd blow his brains out."

At this point, the Marine said, Cyr emerged from the well and came toward him with a knife.

"Everything went black," Lawson told police. "I heard the crack of a gun, and Cyr fell backward into the well."

Deputies, who will inspect Lawson's .22 caliber revolver to see if it is the murder weapon, said they found no knife at the scene of the slaying.

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Mrs. Mary Bonham's Funeral Being Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bonham will be held at the O'Brien-Rogers chapel at 9:30 this morning, thence to the Church of the Immaculate Conception for mass beginning at 10:00. Interment will be in the family plot of Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Bonham died at her home at 443 12th St., in Sparks, early Saturday night. She was a native of Virginia City, where she was born on August 17, 1872, and is survived by