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## Third Suspect Held in Killing

### Names Four Members of Widow's Family

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morning and told me he had to leave town," Mrs. Kerness said. "He said, 'I think I've killed Ulysses and I've got to beat it.'"

She told authorities that Nicles some time ago had made advances to her and that she had told her husband. Authorities believe this to be the motive which prompted the killing.

Tuesday night, Mrs. Nicles visited her four-year-old son Veron in Children's Hospital. He is critically ill with pneumonia. Her daughter Diana, 3, is in the Juvenile Detention Home. She had been released from police custody, but she declared, she was refused permission to see her children at the home. Arrangements were made for her to visit her son in the hospital when it was learned he had been transferred there.

"It is better in every way that Ulysses is dead," Mrs. Nicles said. "Now I hope I can care for the children properly and they will have a chance. They still have a mother and won't have to know an orphanage as a home as I did." Tuesday she attended her husband's funeral.

"I was afraid of Ulysses—afraid he would kill me and my family as he often threatened," she said. Mrs. Nicles, 23 years old, is a thin woman with the sallow look of ill health.

#### Says She Instigated Plot

Mrs. Levine, a striking twenty-four-year-old brunet, in her confession Tuesday, declared that she went to Nicles' home after she and Al Kerness saw him on the street car with a young, attractive girl. Her gun was used in the killing, she insisted.

"I went to my apartment and got my gun out of my trunk," she said. "Then Al and I went to my father and told him of seeing Ulysses and the girl on the street car. I told him I was going to Ulysses' house and get revenge. He warned me not to. I was carrying the gun in my purse."

"I told Al I was going to talk to Ulysses and I was going to do the shooting. He told me to let him do it. I said no, that he had a wife and baby and there was no use of his getting mixed up in it."

An argument about the gun followed, she said, in which Al Kerness grabbed it from her, explaining Nicles might seize the gun and turn it on both of them. Mrs. Levine told of waking her sister Sophie and asking for Nicles.

"She told me to get away from there," Mrs. Levine continued. "She was afraid Ulysses would hurt me. Then we went down the street and waited for Ulysses to come along. Pretty soon he came by."

#### Took Him to Task

"Why do you go running around with women when your kids are sick and your wife is worked to death?" I asked him. He swore at me and told me to mind my own business. Then he raised his hand to strike me.

"Let him have it, Al," I cried, so Al pulled the trigger and shot him three times. Then I told Al to scram and get out of the mess."

Mrs. Levine was arrested near the body.

"I killed him," she told police

when they arrived. Later she admitted kicking Nicles after he had been shot.

Tuesday in her cell in Women's Detention Home, Mrs. Levine insisted that she had no regrets about the murder.

"I killed him because he brought nothing but misery to my sister," she said. "I feel as though I had saved them all from a horrible monster, but nobody is going to come to me now and say I did the right thing."

Mrs. Levine has six stepchildren by her marriage to Sam Levine. The eldest is Madeline, now 13. She has an eight-year-old son of her own, Jerome F. Lemie, Jr., now living with his grandparents.

Mrs. Levine explained to police that she planned to marry Abe Kerness as soon as she could obtain a divorce from Levine. Abe was living with Al Kerness at the Park Ave. address. He had been away from home for three days, Mrs. Levine explained, and she was worried about him.

With Al she set out to look for him downtown and was returning home when she saw Ulysses and the girl on the street car, she said.

"I had no plan of killing Ulysses at the time," she said. "It was the scene on the street car that made me mad. I was hoping to find Abe and go to a picture show."

It was Abe Kerness who later is said to have borrowed \$30 for his brother Al and helped him to escape to Duluth, accompanying him to the train. Abe then gave himself up, insisting to authorities that he was the real killer and that he was surrendering to save Mrs. Le

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