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Loren Hamby

Years Imprisoned: 6

Charge:First Degree Murder

Sentence:Life Imprisonment

Year Convicted:1940

Year Cleared:

1946

Location of Trial:

Colorado

Result:

Judicially Exonerated Released

Summary of Case:

Wrongly convicted of murder.

Conviction Caused By:

Innocence Proved By:

Defendant Aided By:

Compensation Awarded:

Was Perpetrator Found?

Age When Imprisoned:

Age When Released:

Information Source 1:"In Spite of Innocence: Erroneous Convictions in Capital Cases,"
Michael L Radelet, Hugo Adam Bedau, and Constance E. Putnam, Northeastern
University Press, Boston, 1996 pb ed. with new forward, 311 (© 1992).

Tri-County Obituaries

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Carnes, George T.

George T. Carnes - Walsenburg Independent - June 24, 1937 - Sheriff Says Carnes Murder Committed By Local Youth - State Prison Officials Asked To Bring Bloodhounds To City - Swift Says Crowd of Onlookers Ruined Chances of Catching Gunman; However Search Is Made For Gun - That Shot Spanish-Made Bullet; 12 Suspects Go Free - With 12 suspects questioned and released in Walsenburg and at least a half-dozen grilled in nearby cities, officers investigating the killing of George Carnes, victim of a filling station bandit, are seemingly stumped. Every suspect arrested so far has a perfect alibi and has been released. Sheriff Claud Swift states that the only possible clues were lost when crowds of onlookers jammed the driveway of the filling station at corner of First and Walsen following the killing. Sheriff Swift said that 30 minutes after the shooting he called the state penitentiary and asked that officers bring down bloodhounds to check the trail of the killer. However, when he told prison officials that the crowd had gathered on all sides of the building they informed him that there was "no use" to bring the dogs down. The sheriff says the bullet used to kill Carnes was made in Spain and was very old, the shell being tarnished black with age. Swift asserted that he was positive the job was pulled by a Walsenburg youth and several others are now under suspicion. Officers in all cities and towns in the Rocky Mountain region have been instructed to check hobo camps and question all suspects. World Independent - July 16, 1937 - Suspects in Carnes Murder Watched by Thousand Eyes - Each day one or more citizens of Walsenburg announce they have joined forces with the city's "amateur sleuths" and are working their own solution to the mysterious murder of George Carnes, which occurred here June 22. A reward of \$1,000 for the conviction of the murderer and another reward of \$100 for information leading to the culprit's arrest have prompted persons from every walk of life to build their theory on the case. Suspicious characters are being watched by a thousand eyes as each self-appointed detective dreams of being given the total reward of \$1,100. Sheriff's and police officers are continuing on the case but admittedly are baffled. Carnes was shot through the heart while alone at his filling station about 8 o'clock in the evening. No money was taken from his place of business and the gunman was seen only by three young girls as he ran down an alley. Huerfano World - June 25, 1992 - This Week in Walsenburg History - 1937: George T. Carnes, filling station attendant at First and Walsen, was shot by a bandit and died of his injuries. A \$500 reward has been issued.

<http://www.victimsofthestate.org/CO/index.html>

Huerfano County, CO

Loren Hamby

June 22, 1937 (Walsenburg)

Loren Hamby was convicted of the murder of George T. Carnes. Carnes was killed during a holdup at his filling station located at the corner of First and Walsen in Walsenburg. Hamby claimed he was listening to a broadcast of the Louis-Braddock heavyweight fight at the time of the holdup. Following conviction, Hamby began a life sentence in 1939. Some time later, Professor Leonard Keeler was brought in from Chicago with his invention, the modern-day lie detector. He found Hamby was telling the truth. The chief prosecution witness then repudiated his testimony. In April 1946, Governor John Vivian pardoned Hamby and he was released. In 1947 the Colorado Legislature awarded Hamby \$10,000 for his wrongful imprisonment. (*Evening Independent*) (*Carnes Obituary*) [11/08]

Hamby awarded 10,000 dollars

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Gives most of award to mother

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