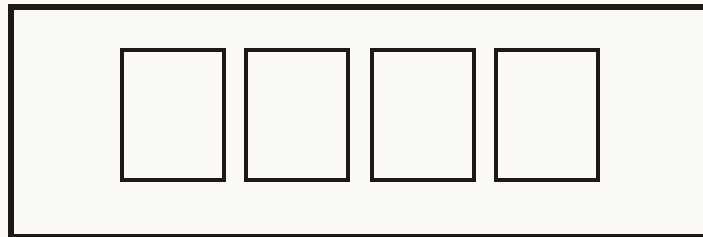


LAST CRUSH

ENVELOPE 4

THE SECOND ROLL



Sealed. Do not open until you have the four-digit combination from Envelope 3.

Inside: Dolores's last letter, what was in the safe deposit box, the deputy's unprinted second roll of film, a party snapshot, a boot order, and the accusation form.

San Antonio
November 20, 1989

Dear Detectives,

Box 417 at Blanco National, which you will have read off that torn page by now. Inside were four things: a draft of a legal paper with Walt's writing on it, a letter to Marisol that he never gave her, a page of notes for his will, and the deed to the feed store lot that I will deal with later. I have sent you the first three.

I have also done two other things. The negatives of the deputy's second roll were in the sheriff's file in a glassine sleeve, never printed, and I asked Purcell if I could have them printed at my own expense and he said he did not see why not, which I think he will regret. Blanco Photo charged me eleven dollars. The frames that matter are enclosed with the deputy's own log, in Ortiz's hand, which was folded around the sleeve. And I asked Ruth, without saying why, whether the vineyard bought work boots for the hands, and she pulled the order from the expense file in about a minute. Walt bought everyone's boots every September. It is the kind of thing he did and never mentioned.

Bettye Teague sent me a snapshot from the party. She thought I would want a picture of Walt happy. He is in it, at the back, and he does look happy. I am sending it to you because everyone else is in it too.

I have read the letter to Marisol four times. I think I know now. I hope to God I am wrong, and I want you to tell me, not the other way around, because I no longer trust myself to see it straight.

Tell me who. Tell me how. Tell me why. Write it on the form and then open the last envelope. The combination is the killer's four-digit telephone extension, from the card in the sheriff's file. If you are right it will open. If you are wrong, it will not, and you should think again before you try another, because a wrong name is a terrible thing to say out loud.

Whatever the answer is, thank you. Walt would have liked you. He liked people who did the work.

Sincerely,

Dolores B. Avery

BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE • PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Case 89-1013-A • Dep. M. Ortiz #22 • Roll 2 of 2 • Kodak Gold 200, 24 exp. • 10/14/89

FRAME	SUBJECT	TIME	NOTES
1-3	Tank room, wide, from doorway	0718	after VFD removal
4-6	Tank 4 rim and interior, from platform	0720	must level 14 in. below rim
7	Floor, N of platform base, partial footwear impression in wet caliche mud over concrete, w/ scale	0724	Lug sole. Heel + partial sole. Heel-to-break approx 6 in. Est. full length 9 3/4 in. Consistent w/ women's 7 - 7 1/2 or youth. Not decedent (Red Wing, M11 - checked). Mud still damp. Not pursued - accidental per RK.
8	Same, oblique, w/ flash from L	0725	toe pointing toward platform
9-10	Platform steps, decedent's boot prints (Red Wing) in must drips	0727	
11	Doorway threshold - mud tracked in from yard	0729	yard is caliche, rain 10:15-10:50 per Pruitt
12-14	Cellar office: desk, cot, sink area	0742	
15-18	Exterior, cellar bldg, yard, approach from house	0750	
19-22	Exterior, approach from cottage; cottage porch	0755	no prints visible on caliche path (rain-packed, then dried)
23-24	Party area, tables, banner	0800	

Roll 2 not printed - RK advised accidental, budget. Negatives to file. - MO 10/16

Frames 7 and 8 printed 11/16/89, Blanco Photo. Frame 7 enclosed. - D.



89-1013-A · Roll 2 Fr. 7 · Tank room floor N of platform. Partial impression, wet caliche over concrete, scale in inches. 0724 hrs. - Ortiz



From Bettye Teague. Harvest party, about 8 o'clock. Everyone is in it. Look at the shoes. - D.

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ADDENDUM "A" TO AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE
LANTANA LAND COMPANY, Buyer / WALTER D. BRANNOCK, Seller

1. **Payment to Marisol Reyes.** At closing, Seller shall pay from the sale proceeds to MARISOL REYES, of Blanco County, Texas, the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200,000.00), free of any claim by Seller's estate or heirs, in recognition of fifteen years of service to Cypress Hollow Vineyard and in satisfaction of Seller's written undertaking to Ms. Reyes of December 1981.
2. **Employment.** Buyer shall offer Ms. Reyes employment as Vineyard Manager of the retained winery amenity and vineyard blocks A and C for a term of not less than FIVE (5) years at a salary of not less than \$48,000.00 per year, with the housing described in paragraph 3.
3. **Cottage.** Seller shall convey to Ms. Reyes at closing, at no cost, the residence known as the Manager's Cottage together with two (2) acres surrounding it, to be surveyed, and Buyer shall take title subject to that conveyance.
4. **Survival.** This Addendum shall survive Seller's death and shall bind Seller's estate, heirs, executors and assigns, and Buyer agrees that it is a condition of closing.

Walter D. Brannock, Seller

G.T. Kemp

Lantana Land Company, by

Good. Sign Monday. Show her Sunday. - W 10/12

Oct. 12

Mari -

I know you saw Baird's letter on the desk Tuesday. You've been cold all week and I don't blame you. I should have told you first. Before Cal, before Ruth, before anybody. I didn't, because I'm a coward about the things that matter, and you know that better than anyone alive.

Sunday, when the party's done and the Teague business is signed, I am going to sit you down in the office and show you something, and you are going to yell at me for not showing you sooner, and I am going to deserve it.

I said a fifth of this place was yours. I meant it in '81 and I mean it now. I took care of it. I always said I would.

Don't do anything foolish in the meantime like quit on me.

- Walt

Item 3 of 3. Notes for Baird, on the back of a Farm Bureau envelope.

For Baird - the will, after Lantana:

- Dee: the Navy footlocker and the '52 photos. She'll know.
- Cal: Tank 4 and 12 acres of Block C if Lantana will carve it out. Ask. If not, cash equal.
- Ruth: everything else, and the house in town if she wants one.
- Denny: forgive the cases. \$5,000 for Ida.
- M: see the addendum. Done right this time.
- Hollis gets his creek. Put that in too, in case.

CAVENDER'S BOOT CITY

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COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT ORDER

Ticket 21-08874 · 9/02/89

Sold to: **CYPRESS HOLLOW VINEYARD**, 4410 RR 165, Blanco · Acct. 4471 · Purchaser: *W. Brannock*

QTY	STYLE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE / WIDTH	COLOR	FOR	PRICE
1 pr	Ariat 10002 Lacer	Women's lace-up work boot, lug sole	W 7 M	Brown	REYES, M.	89.00
1 pr	Justin 3703 Roper	Men's roper, crepe sole	M 12 D	Bay	PRUITT, D.	96.00
1 pr	Justin 763 Work	Men's steel toe, lug sole	M 10 D	Brown	BRANNOCK, C.	118.00
1 pr	Red Wing 1155	Men's pull-on, oil resist sole	M 11 D	Brown	BRANNOCK, W.	109.00
TOTAL (tax exempt, ag)						412.00

Paid: Cypress Hollow check 3312. Thank you for your business. Sales: **Kenny**

Ruth says Walt bought everyone's boots the first week of September every year since 1980, and that Bettye Teague wears a 9 and Evelyn Sato "has never owned a boot in her life." - D.

THE ACCUSATION

Do not open the Solution until every line below is filled in and you both agree. Dolores is waiting.

WHO killed Walt Brannock?

HOW. What did the killer actually do, in order, between 10:15 PM and midnight?

WHY. What was the motive, and what did the killer not know?

PROOF. Name at least three documents that, together, point to this person and no one else.

THE OTHERS. For each of the five you did not name, write the one document that clears them.

Ruth Brannock	_____	Hollis Teague	_____
Cal Brannock	_____	Dr. Evelyn Sato	_____
Marisol Reyes	_____	Denny Pruitt	_____

NOW OPEN THE SOLUTION WITH THE KILLER'S FOUR-DIGIT TELEPHONE EXTENSION.