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Allendale Police Miss Killer by Minutes

Mrs. MacPhail Made to Drive Trantino to New York; She And Falco's Widow Are Held

ALLENDALE -- While the massive manhunt goes on for Thomas "Tom the Rabbi" Trantino, wanted as one of the pair charged with murdering two Lodi policemen at 3 a.m. Monday in the Angel Lounge off Rte. 46 in that borough, it was learned that two Allendale policemen missed encounters with him by a matter of minutes. He went to the home of a material witness in the case, arriving between visits by the local policemen, and forced her at gunpoint to drive him to New York.

The bizarre sequence of events here began with a telephone call to Lt. Frank A. Parenti Jr. at 4:15 a.m. Mrs. Patricia MacPhail, 20, of 90 East Allendale Ave., mother of two children and separated from her husband, was the caller. She was known to Lt. Parenti because of previous difficulties with her husband, and he dressed and went to her home, although he was off duty.

She told him that she had been in the Angel Lounge with three men and three other women when

Detective Sgt. Peter Voto entered. He asked for her identification, then ordered her out as underage. Later she was worried about one of her companions, Mrs. Patricia Miles Falco, 17, who has been living with her, and drove back to the bar. She said she pounded on the door, and was ordered away by the bartender, driving away just as a police prowler came up.

Lt. Parenti heard the story and left shortly after 5:30 p.m. It was quite possible that he left just before Thomas "Tom the Rabbi" Trantino, one of those charged with homicide by Bergen County Prosecutor Guy W. Calissi, arrived. Later Mrs. MacPhail placed the time at about 6 when Trantino, who apparently had walked the 12 miles from Lodi to Allendale, knocked on the door.

When she opened the door he threatened her with a revolver and demanded that she drive him to New York City. After pleading with him not to do anything to her two daughters or Mrs. Falco's son, who were in the house, she drove him to New York and last saw him getting into a taxi.

Meanwhile, Ptl. James Tallia, on patrol duty, received an order from the prosecutor's office to pick up Mrs. MacPhail as a material witness. The order was received at 6:10 a.m., and the patrolman arrived at the house about 20 minutes later, to find it locked. Had he arrived before Trantino left there would undoubtedly have been a shooting.

On reporting the locked house Ptl. Tallia was told to enter it and make sure. Inside were found the three babies, with no one to care for them.

Mrs. MacPhail returned shortly after 7 and was held as a material witness. Mrs. Falco, who was separated from the late Frank Falco, the second murder suspect, who was shot to death by a New York police lieutenant early yesterday morning, was also picked up as a material witness, as were Mrs. Sally Vander Vliet, 19, of Rutherford, and Mrs. Norma Jaconetta, 23, and Anthony Cassarino, 24, both of Paterson. All are in the Bergen County Jail in default of bail.

The two MacPhail children are being cared for by Mrs. MacPhail's parents, while the Falco boy is in the Bergen Pines Children's Shelter.