

Pair Found Slain in Woman's Room

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Hugo, June 27 - The bodies of Mrs. Joe Palmer, bookkeeper for a hardware concern here, and John Nelson, former grocer and former policeman, were found in the Palmer home at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Palmer had been shot through the head and Nelson through the mouth with a small caliber pistol, which was found on the floor of the dining room between their bodies.

Neighbors, who heard two shots fired about 7:25 Wednesday morning, said they did not suspect anyone had been shot and did not investigate. A negro laundress discovered the tragedy. Nelson was dead and Mrs. Palmer was dying when found. She did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Palmer bore a good reputation. Her husband, employed at a local milling company, was at work when the shooting took place, having left his home at about 6 o'clock, neighbors said.

Nelson was discharged from the police force several months ago on a charge of drunkenness and was arrested Monday night, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, after striking a lamp post on the street here. He is survived by a wife and one child.