

Secretary accused of swindling tycoon

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DALLAS — The state attorney general and a bank have charged that a secretary bilked an estimated \$4 million from a dying oil millionaire left mentally incompetent by a series of strokes.

The suit, filed in Dallas County Probate Court Tuesday, accuses the secretary — Betty LeBaron — of swindling the late E.J. Moran out of an estimated \$4 million in stocks and money by transferring them into her name, said Assistant Attorney General Amie Rodnick.

During a hearing, Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox and InterFirst Bank Dallas obtained a temporary restraining order forbidding LeBaron from disposing of any of her personal financial holdings until the court could rule.

LeBaron would not comment. Her attorney, William Hamilton, said, "Obviously there were allegations made and obviously we contest every one of them."

The bank is executor of Moran's estate. The attorney

general joined the suit under Texas statutes requiring him to protect the public trust, said Rodnick.

Moran, a Dallas millionaire and independent oil investor with holdings in Texas and Arkansas, died in September

1982 at 87. His wife and only child died in 1964. Rodnick said it was suspected the money was taken before Moran died.

The suit also said LeBaron raised her salary from about \$20,000 a year to \$46,000 a year before Moran's death.



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Con woman's story questioned

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BROWNWOOD — Texas Rangers are looking for an elderly confidence woman whose perjured testimony led to the indictment of an innocent man in the death of a shoe store clerk.

Ranger Norman Autry said Tuesday he was convinced that Betty Jo Glendinning, 59, who was described as a confidence woman with numerous aliases, gave evidence in the April 27, 1981, slaying of Brownwood shoe store clerk Donna May In-

gram. A Brown County grand jury indicted a Shreveport, La., man on Glendinning's testimony, but he was later ruled out as a suspect and the woman disappeared one day before she was scheduled to take a polygraph test.

"It's about to eat our lunch," Autry said of the bizarre case. As far as we can determine, she (Glendinning) told us certain things about the interior of the

store she shouldn't have known unless she was in there."

Since the woman disappeared from Brownwood in March 1982, she has been seen in Eugene, Ore.; Riverside, Calif.; Hobbs, N.M.; and Hot Springs, Ark., Autry said.

Glendinning approached law enforcement officers in each city, claiming she had been beaten and robbed, and often supported her story by producing bruises and smearing blood on her mouth, he said. She often received food, money, lodging and bus tickets from sympathetic law enforcement personnel.

The woman also has told police in other cities that she had evidence on local, unsolved slayings.

Autry said, however, that he believed the woman did witness the Brownwood slaying, which apparently was done with no motive because no money was taken. He speculated that she may have lied about the Shreve-

port man to protect another man traveling with her around the country.

"We feel she has knowledge of this offense because of things she told us," he said.

Glendinning has been charged with aggravated perjury, but Autry stressed that he was more interested in her information on the Brownwood killing.

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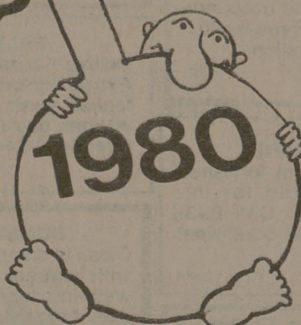
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