

# Secret Agent

## Wife passed classified secrets to Soviet spies

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**SAN FRANCISCO** — The wife of accused spy James Harper gave him highly classified U.S. missile secrets allegedly sold to Soviet agents during a "marriage of convenience" which ended in divorce before she died of alcoholism, court records showed.

The FBI said Harper, 49, a high technology consultant in California's "Silicon Valley," passed along "extremely sensitive" secrets to Moscow which he got for a period of eight years from his wife.

Ruby Schuler, who died last June at the age of 39, worked at Systems Control Inc. in Palo Alto, Calif., from 1972 until August 1982 and had access to virtually all of the firm's top secret documents.

FBI agents quoted her as telling a friend three months prior to her death that "there was a reason Jim and I got married and only he and I know." The friend told agents Mrs. Harper added, "I can't tell you or anyone else what those reasons were and I never will."

Authorities indicated the

1980 marriage could have been strictly a business arrangement. The couple traveled together to a number of European cities where Harper could have met Soviet agents. The last trip was in 1981 and they were later divorced.

Harper, accused of selling Minuteman missile secrets to the Soviets for \$250,000, remarried for a third time in Nevada last month. His wife, Penny Cook, vanished from their apartment last Sunday.

The FBI complaint against Harper quoted John Cunning-

ham, a U.S. Army ballistics missile expert, as placing the value of the stolen secrets "beyond calculation."

Santa Clara County records show that Ruby Schuler died last June 22 of cirrhosis of the liver due to alcoholism. The records said she weighed 80 pounds at the time of her death, compared with her normal 128 pounds.

Harper said in court Monday he intended "to cooperate with the government in every way I can." He was ordered held without bond and a preliminary hearing is set for Oct. 27.

# New commuter airlines established for Texas

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**AUSTIN** — The Texas Aeronautics Commission Tuesday certified three new commuter airlines for the state, including two passenger helicopter services in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The commission also

approved changes in service for four other intrastate air carriers.

The new commuter services include Lone Star Helicopters, Inc., which plans to establish scheduled passenger service between the Fort Worth Continental Helipad, Dallas Love Field, Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Air-

port and the Dallas Reunion Center Helipad.

A second helicopter carrier, Regional Helicopter Airlines, was given authority to serve DFW Regional Airport, Dallas North Airport, Addison Airport, Dallas Market Center Helipad and Fort Worth Helipad.

# Hitman admits murders

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**MADISON** — A San Antonio man charged with killing the wife of a policeman has admitted five to 10 contract killings, Assistant District Attorney Stephen Bablitch said Tuesday.

Bablitch made the statement at the initial court appearance of Joseph M. Hecht III, Hecht, 23, was charged with first degree murder and armed burglary in the shooting death of Carolyn Hudson, 37, Friday.

Bablitch said the five to 10 "contract executions" took place "in various jurisdictions." He

said Hecht received about \$10,000 for each one.

The criminal complaint against Hecht said he told Madison police he was paid \$9,300 for the Hudson killing. Hecht was held on \$375,000 cash bail, and bail for Andrew Slickman, 31, who allegedly drove the getaway car, was set at \$175,000.

Slickman, also from San Antonio, was charged with being a party to first degree murder and armed burglary.

Authorities would not comment on who hired Hecht to slay Carolyn Hudson, the wife of

Officer James Hudson.

The complaint against Hecht says he told police he shot Carolyn Hudson five times in the chest. Asked if the shooting was intentional, the complaint stated that "Hecht smiled and said, 'I intentionally shot her five times in the chest.'"

According to the complaint, Hecht said he entered through an unlocked front door and saw Hudson standing near a doorway to a bedroom. He said he recognized her from pictures

provided by an unidentified man who hired him to do the killing.

Hecht said she screamed, and he fired a shot that knocked her back into the bedroom. When she was on the floor, he fired four more times.

Slickman was arrested at the Dane County Regional Airport after someone spotted the license plate of the getaway car and reported it to police. Hecht was arrested in a Milwaukee bus depot.

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# Bullock expects budget in black

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**AUSTIN** — Comptroller Bob Bullock, slapping down earlier fears of a budget deficit as high as \$500 million, predicted Tuesday the state treasury will be \$15.1 million in the black at the end of the 1984-1985 budget period.

"The worst of the state's economic slump is behind us," Bullock said in presenting his revised revenue estimate to state officials and legislators.

"There aren't any pennies from heaven in this economic forecast, but there aren't any halibuts either," he said.

Last summer, state budget officials expressed fears that dwindling oil and gas severance taxes and sales tax collections could leave the state with a \$500 million shortfall in a \$30.8 billion two-year budget period.

Bullock said his revised revenue estimates showed oil severance taxes were up slightly

over previous estimates as were franchise and insurance taxes.

Sales tax receipts and natural gas severance taxes were down, and the state lost \$27 million from tax credits to insurance companies to offset losses from Hurricane Alicia.

Gov. Mark White, whose policies have been sharply criticized by Bullock in past weeks, said he was pleased with Bullock's money predictions but believed "we have a little work yet to do."

"What we really are looking for is some additional funds for (pay raises for) school teachers as well as for equalization aid (for school districts)," the governor said.

White has promised to call a special legislative session — probably sometime early next year — for consideration of tax increases to fund teacher pay raises.

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