

Widow doubts foul play

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EL PASO — The widow of a former associate of convicted slayer Billie Sol Estes said Wednesday she had no reason to suspect foul play in the death of her husband.

Sheriff Mike Davis said his office is re-opening its investigation of the death of George A. Krutilek, a 49-year-old accountant whose decomposed body was found April 4, 1962 in his near Clint, a small West Texas town 30 miles east of El Paso.

Investigators at first thought Krutilek's death was a suicide after a coroner's report called it a heart attack.

The Krutilek death is being reopened in the light of testimony Estes gave last week to a Robertson County grand jury. Estes reportedly accused former resident Lyndon B. Johnson of knowing the death of agricultural department official Henry Marshall because Johnson shared Marshall's investigation cotton allotments to Estes might be linked to his aide, Clinton Carter.

Marshall died in June 1961 and his death was also ruled a suicide. However, the Robertson County grand jury last week

changed that ruling to homicide after noting all the people implicated in the death were dead.

Krutilek was one of four men connected with Estes who died during the investigation and whose deaths were ruled suicide, the Dallas Times Herald reported Wednesday.

Estes, at one time called Texas' most famous young "wonder boy" businessman, was convicted in 1965 in U.S. District Court. Testimony in the trial, which took place in El Paso, showed a widespread scheme in which non-existent anhydrous ammonia fertilizer was sold to farmers and ranchers throughout Texas.

When asked by the Robertson County grand jury if there was any connection between the deaths of Krutilek and Marshall, Estes reportedly told the panel, "I wouldn't tell you nothing that would send me to the penitentiary or the electric chair."

A hose was found leading from the tailpipe to the window of the car in which Krutilek's body was found, the newspaper said. However, an autopsy showed no trace of carbon monoxide in Krutilek's body. The official cause of the death was listed as "severe coronary

heart disease."

Marjorie Krutilek, who lives in El Paso, said her husband was in good spirits and perfect health at the time of his death and that her husband's doctor was unaware of any heart trouble.

Two days before his death, Mrs. Krutilek said her husband told the FBI of his relationship with Estes, which she described as "a client relationship on the up-and-up."

She said her husband was in good spirits and perfect health at the time of his death and that her husband's doctor was unaware of any heart trouble.

"I would never believe George committed suicide," she said. "But I had nothing to go on except my knowledge of him and his personality."

Mrs. Krutilek said she has never had any reason to doubt the death certificate she received, listing heart disease as the cause of death. "I really don't know what to think, but I had no reason to doubt the certificate," she said. "After all, they did an autopsy and I presume the pathologist knew what he was doing."

Mrs. Krutilek said the possibility of foul play "never entered

my mind. There was no reason to think that. He had no enemies, and his dealings with Mr. Estes or anyone else weren't the kind that would make anyone want to hurt him."

She said her husband's accountant business was largely with farmers and ranchers, causing him to spend much of his time in West Texas.

"He had many clients in Pecos, and Mr. Estes had a farm there, and my husband did some accounting work for the farm," she said.

Mrs. Krutilek said the El Paso County Sheriff's Department contacted her Tuesday and an investigator is due to interview her "sometime later this week." She said at the time of her husband's death she was not sure if any sheriff's personnel came to see her because she was in a state of shock and her memory was hazy.

In Dallas, relatives of Malcolm E. (Mac) LLACE TOLD THE Times Herald he was in California on the day Estes reportedly said Wallace killed Marshall on orders from Johnson.

Gusting winds cause moped crash, injury

Wednesday's 40 to 50 m.p.h. gusts of wind toppled two students off a moped.

Dimitri Demopoulos, a freshman environmental design major from Houston, and Greg Kung, a sophomore geology major also from Houston, were riding a moped on Ross St. near the

Reed McDonald Building, when gust of wind blew up and forced the scooter, driven by Demopoulos, over, University Police said.

"The scooter just blew over and went sideways," Demopoulos said.

Demopoulos was treated at the scene of the accident by

Texas A&M Emergency Care Team. He was taken to the A.P. Beutel Health Center and was treated for bruises and pulled ligaments. He was discharged from the health center and was sent home to

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The child was pulled from the flaming wreckage of a Beechcraft Bonanza that crashed nose first into a heavily wooded area Tuesday near the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport, said DeKalb police spokesman Chuck Johnson.

The bodies of his adoptive father, John R. Garrett of Smyrna, and a business associate, Carl Frazier of Farmer's Branch, Texas, were recovered by firefighters.

The plane was taking off for a flight to Dallas when the crash occurred, police said. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating a report that one of the plane's doors may have been open when the plane took off. Investigators speculated that the pilot may have been trying to close the door when the plane went down.

Garrett was the adoptive father of Joon Jordan Garrett, a South Korean boy he and his wife adopted March 2, according to DeKalb police. Garrett's wife was in Maryland on a business trip at the time of the accident.

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