

## Body Of Missing Man Found In Disused Well

MELBOURNE, Sunday.—  
The weighted body of a Melbourne Polish businessman, who has been missing since November 1, was found today in a disused well at St. Albans, an outer Melbourne suburb.

Police said the man, Stanislaus Kaska, 35, of Selwyn Street, Albion, had been shot through the chest with a .25 calibre bullet.

Homicide detectives said the man's feet were tied together with fencing wire and the body was weighted with six railway fish plates.

Police rushed to the scene after receiving an anonymous phone call.

To-morrow, detectives, helped by a local contractor, will search the bottom of the well in the hope of finding the murder weapon.

Kaska's disappearance started a State-wide police search.

His blood-stained utility was found abandoned near Sunshine police station on the Monday morning after his disappearance.

Police believe that robbery was the motive for the murder.

They said they thought Kaska had been robbed of about £1,200.

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## Police Search Well Mud For Murder Clue

MELBOURNE, Monday.—  
A mobile crane to-day lifted tons of sludge from a well in St. Albans, in which the body of murdered Polish businessman, Stanislaus Kaska, was found at the week-end.

Kaska had been missing from his home in nearby Albion since November, and had been the subject of an intensive police search.

To-day, the operations were watched by homicide detectives who raked over the debris from the tank and sieved the sludge in an effort to find the murder weapon or other clues which will help them solve the crime.

The work went on until dusk this evening, and will be resumed to-morrow.

Police think the work of examining the sludge will take at least until Wednesday. They estimate there is about 18 tons of sludge in the tank.

Several snakes in the well had to be shot before police could begin the work to-day.

Kaska's body was discovered on Saturday after an anonymous phone call was received by the police roundsmen of a Melbourne newspaper.

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## New Clue In Victorian Killing Found

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—Homicide detectives said to-day that cartridges found on a railway track between Sunshine and Albion were almost certainly connected with the shooting of Polish businessman, Stanislaus Kaska, whose body was found in a well at St. Albans last Saturday.

Kaska disappeared from his home in Albion on November 1, and his bloodstained utility was found at Sunshine the next day.

Detective-Inspector Charles Petty, of Melbourne Homicide Squad, said to-day that police thought that the cartridges were of the same calibre as that which killed Kaska.

They were assuming that the cartridges were connected with the murder because of the area in which they were found.

The cartridges are being tested by police ballistics experts. They were found last month by a railway worker, who did not attach any importance to them at the time.

## **Murdered Man Left Estate Of £25,000**

MELBOURNE, Monday.—Stanislaw Kaska, Polish migrant who "made good" in Australia and was murdered last year, left an estate valued for probate to-day at £23,990.

But Kaska, an electrical goods retailer, left no will and has no next-of-kin in Australia.

A man charged with his murder was released after the coroner's inquiry.

His father, in Warsaw, Poland, is the only person entitled to inherit the estate under Victorian law.

Kaska lived in Selwyn Street, Albion and ran his retail business in Sunshine.

# Murder Scene Photos

The following photos were taken by 17 year old Trevor Thort, an employee of Hanson's Hardware Store, East Esplanade St. Albans. Trevor was born and lived in O'Farrell Street, Yarraville.

These pictures are of the crime scene with the Victorian forensic police officers on site.

The body was found by a man who was walking his dog. This man was the owner of the service station in St. Albans Road which was located on the south east corner of Percy Street. The service station can be seen in the background in one of the photos.

The body of Stanislaw Kaska, aged 35, was wrapped in a hessian bag and dumped in a well. The well was located on the St. Albans tip site (former St. Albans Quarry) next to the Bendigo railway line. The well's concrete collar can be seen in the photos.

Stanislaw was the owner of an electrical store in Sunshine. He lived in Sewlyn Street, Albion.



