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Recall Only 3 Other Cases of 1st Degree Murder Bail

When Attorney William J. Corrigan said the "only first-degree murder bail I recall is the Hupp case," he referred to a murder and trial of 36 years ago when he was a young assistant county prosecutor.

Elmer Hupp was a Lakewood man who had become wealthy in the oil business. On the evening of Jan. 10, 1918—a Thursday—he returned home from a

business trip unexpectedly.

Hupp asked his wife if she was alone in the house. Although she said she was alone, Hupp started for the third floor attic.

Fires at Man

He met a man coming down the stairs. Hupp pulled a revolver and killed Charles L. Joyce, resident of Bratenahl

and a traveling salesman, one-time friend of the Hupps.

Saturday, less than 48 hours after the murder, Hupp's attorneys applied to Criminal Court Judge Thomas Kennedy for his release on bail.

Judge Kennedy fixed bail at \$35,000 and Hupp went home to his wife.

Hupp later was indicted for second-degree murder, tried

and acquitted in March of the same year. He moved to Dallas, Tex.

Attorney Edward C. Stanton, county prosecutor for almost all the 1920's, recalled today only one case of bail bond release of a man charged with first-degree murder.

"That was the famous case of John Kosienski back in 1925," Stanton said.

Killed by Bomb

On an April Monday of that year, Kosienski placed a homemade bomb in the seat of a car soon to be driven by the

husband of the woman Kosienski had fallen in love with.

Another first-degree murder bail case is a current one. In County Jail, where she has been a prisoner since June 22, is Miss Gladys Pounds, 22, of 1313 Webster Ave.

She is charged with the murder of Mrs. Minnie Brown, 26, of 1837 St. Clair Ave., at 1859 Central Ave.

Municipal Judge David C. Meck on July 14 set bail for Miss Pounds at \$50,000. Miss Pounds couldn't pay the bail bond fee—about \$2500—and remained behind bars.