

# Slaying victim fearful, jury told

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HELENA — Craig Carroll Young filed an affidavit with Missoula police saying his life had been threatened just before he was murdered in Texas in 1982, a jury hearing an international fraud and conspiracy trial in Helena was told Thursday.

Young's mother, sister and brother testified that he viewed himself as a business protege of Texas businessman Jack L. Dickie, who is accused of arranging Young's murder.

"We understood that Jack was going to groom him to help in his business," Peggy Young of Missoula, who is Craig's mother, testified.

Mrs. Young said that Craig met Dickie in the early 1970s when both were packing in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

"We understood that Jack Dickie was a financier who arranged financing for countries or big projects," she said.

After the initial meeting, Mrs. Young said, Dickie persuaded her son to complete his business education at the University of Montana, which he did.

Mark Young, who is Craig's brother, said Craig considered Dickie "a guiding light."

"His (Craig's) goal was to become a millionaire 10 years after he got his degree," Mark said.

Sometime during the summer of 1982, Mrs. Young testified, her son filed an affidavit with Missoula police.

"It was simply there was a threat made on his life," she said.

Under cross-examination, Mrs. Young said she didn't know who made the threat, but defense attorneys mentioned the names of a "Shuman and Monroe" from the San Antonio area.

Jody Young Thompson of Alaska, Craig's sister, was used to introduce voluminous documents, including contacts Craig had with foreign businessmen.

She said she gathered the material left in her mother's home after her brother was killed.

Defense attorneys for Dickie and Chester W. Adams of California, who is also charged in the conspiracy and murder-for-hire trial, argued that insufficient foundation was presented

to support accepting the documents as evidence.

U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell took the objections under advisement and said he would rule later on whether the documents could be viewed by the jury.

During a bench hearing with the jury outside the courtroom, Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl Rostad said one of the documents is a letter concerning testimony that Craig Young gave in a grand jury hearing in Texas involving Dickie.

Rostad said it would show that Dickie had motivation for wanting Young dead, other than the \$3 million life insurance policy that prosecutors claim benefited Dickie.

Young's testimony was "the motivation for the beginning of the end of Craig Young," Rostad said.

Dickie and Adams also are accused of several counts of racketeering and conspiracy involving the deaths of two other men in separate international business dealings.

Defense attorneys Karl Kappel of California and Richard Gillespie of Helena argued that the letter was immaterial to the case and unfairly prejudicial to their clients.

"The fact that someone testifies against someone in a grand jury doesn't mean he is going to go out and murder him," Kappel said.

Mark Young testified that his brother set up paper corporations in Panama and elsewhere with no assets or business, and got the life insurance policy to help secure a loan from a union, which he didn't identify.

"To establish credibility, he had to make it look like he was worth \$3 million," Mark said.

But just before he left for his fatal trip to Texas, his brother still had faith in Dickie, Mark Young testified.

"He was glad Jack was going to be in Texas, because he was the only one he could trust," Mark Young said.

Mrs. Young said her family had no knowledge of Adams until after the death of her son, when he contacted them by phone offering to complete work on the Ajax mining project near Wisdom, with which her son was involved.

Adams allegedly said that Dickie would back the project.

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1 of the jury whether you knew of your own knowledge  
2 whether, when they were in contact, they were, in fact,  
3 talking about some kind of mining venture or some other  
4 kind of business deal?

5 A. They were always talking business.

6 Q. When they were in contact when Jack was in  
7 Augusta and Craig was in Missoula, do you know of your own  
8 knowledge whether they were discussing various kinds of  
9 business ventures?

10 A. Conversations indicated that they were.

11 Q. Now, I don't know whether I understood correctly  
12 or not. In 1980, was it your understanding that Craig was  
13 attempting to develop Ajax Mine Properties with Don  
14 Jenkins?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And the same is true in 1981?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And in 1982?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Did you know that your son had filed an  
21 Affidavit with the police of Missoula County?

22 A. I learned that after his death.

23 Q. And did you learn when it was filed?

24 A. The summer of '82, I believe.

25 Q. Somewhere in the neighborhood of August?

1 A. July, August.

2 Q. And would you relate to the ladies and gentlemen  
3 of the jury what that Affidavit was about.

4 A. It was simply that there had been a threat made  
5 on his life.

6 Q. By whom?

7 A. I don't believe I know.

8 Q. By a man by the name of Mr. Shuman?

9 A. Shuman and Munro.

10 Q. And it was subsequent -- where were Messrs.  
11 Shuman and Munro from?

12 A. San Antonio.

13 Q. And it was to that Affidavit being filed that  
14 your son went to Texas in December; correct?

15 A. Would you repeat that, please.

16 Q. It was subsequent to his filing the Affidavit  
17 with the Missoula Police Department that your son went to  
18 Texas; correct?

19 A. He was back and forth from Texas to Montana all  
20 the time. I don't know dates.

21 Q. The last time he went to Texas was in December  
22 of '82; correct?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. And I believe your testimony was that he went  
25 there to sign a contract; was that true?

1 and Munro matter. And I'm clear that Craig was concerned  
2 that it was Shuman or Munro, but he did communicate that  
3 to me.

4 Q. That, in fact, he had been threatened?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You know, do you not, that he prepared an  
7 affidavit that he supplied and filed to the Missoula  
8 County Sheriff's Department?

9 A. Yes. And Mr. Gillespie, I'd like to back up and  
10 correct my last response somewhat.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I don't recall, subject to whatever memorandums  
13 may be located in my file, but I don't recall Craig  
14 telling me that Shuman or Munro or their associates or  
15 anyone associated with them had threatened him, come out  
16 and said, "If you do not do this," or, "If you do this,  
17 we'll do this." He felt threatened by them and threatened  
18 sufficiently to, to answer your next question, to file an  
19 affidavit in the event of his death. That's the way I  
20 recall it.

21 Q. And he left a copy of that affidavit with you as  
22 well; did he not?

23 A. Yes, he did.

24 Q. I hand you what has been marked Defendant's  
25 Exhibit S and ask you if you can identify that document?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you also understand that a threat had  
3 been made on Craig Young's life to his partner by  
4 someone other than Mr. Dickie?

5 A. I understood that Craig Young walked into  
6 the Missoula Police Department and filed a complaint  
7 seven months after an alleged threat had been made  
8 to him.

9 Q. Did you also get a copy of that affidavit  
10 he made laying out the basis for the complaint?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. You didn't bring that with you?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And who was alleged to have made a threat  
15 upon Mr. Young's life --

16 A. I believe it was Mr. --

17 Q. -- prior to his death?

18 A. I believe it was Mr. Shuman.

19 Q. And Mr. Shuman had an interest in Mr.  
20 Young's -- in the lawsuit, did he not?

21 A. Yes, he did.

22 Q. You did not consider that significant, I  
23 guess?

24 A. Why do you say that?

25 Q. Well, I didn't hear any testimony about



1 Q. And in that written report, did you make  
2 a statement summarizing why you felt this threat was  
3 not carried out, or what evidence did you have to  
4 show that these people had not carried out the  
5 threat when the man said he was afraid of his life  
6 before that?

7 A. I sent the company a copy of the  
8 affidavit, a copy of the police report, and when I  
9 interviewed Mr. Jenkins he had a little different  
10 story than the affidavit stated.

11 Q. Okay. What did Mr. Jenkins tell you?

12 A. Mr. Jenkins told me that Shuman said he  
13 wanted Craig out of the deal, that he couldn't work  
14 with him.

15 Q. Okay. So you accepted Jenkins' statement  
16 as true who was in litigation against Craig at that  
17 time as opposed to the affidavit and sworn testimony  
18 of your own insured?

19 A. Of the same man who was in litigation  
20 with Jenkins. I mean, they're both in the same  
21 position.

22 Q. You understood, did you not, when you  
23 made your investigation, that they had a splitting  
24 of the ways because Jenkins had made a side deal  
25 with Shuman and Munro?