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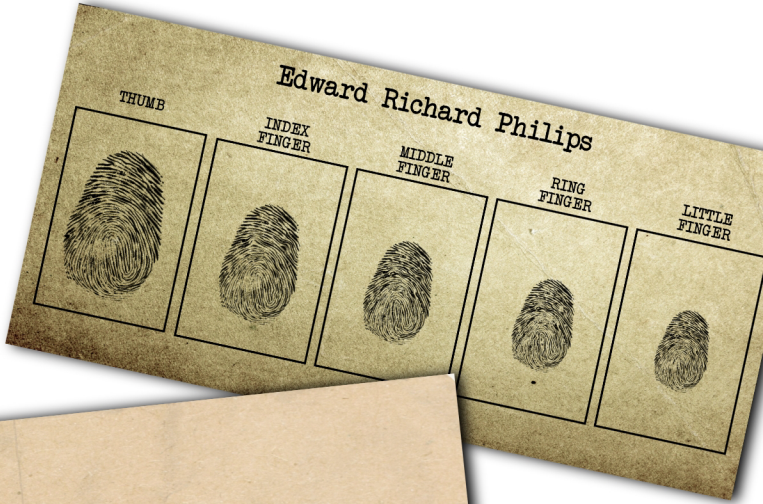
Dear Detective Inspector,

Alice Shellard contacted us a few days ago after she heard via a true crime podcast that we were reviewing the Marjorie Millington cold case. The name reminded her of an old letter that had been passed to her upon the death of her mother. This letter, sent to her grandfather Edward Philips, referred to a murder but did not specify a name or location. Although the letter was shown to the police in the late 1960s when Edward passed away, they did not follow it up. We now have reason to believe it is significant. I checked the police database and found some old fingerprints taken from Edward Philips and compared them to those found in Marjorie's car. They match visually. We now strongly believe that Edward Philips was in fact 'Edward Dixon', an employee at Millington & Son in 1924, and that he and the doorman, Harry Richards (whose real name is William Rickard), committed the crime. William Rickards our killer died just days after writing this letter and as far as records show he never confessed to the murder.

Sincerely,

C Hopkins

Detective Sergeant Hopkins



8TH SEPTEMBER 1960

DEAR TED,

I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE I AM NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD, AND I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT I MUST CONFESS TO THE CRIME THAT WE COMMITTED ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.

YOU REMEMBER MARJORIE, DON'T YOU? I STRANGLED HER AT THE DOCKS WHEN SHE CONFRONTED ME ABOUT THE MISSING KEYS AND MY INVOLVEMENT IN THE STORE ROBBERIES. I PANICKED AND KILLED HER, AS SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO TELL THE POLICE.

AFTER I STRANGLED HER, I HID HER BODY AMONG A TARPULIN OUTSIDE A DISUSED WAREHOUSE. I THEN MET YOU AT THE STORE, AND I TOLD YOU WHAT I HAD DONE. YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP ME, YOU TOOK MARJORIE'S CAR FROM OUTSIDE THE STORE AND DROVE TO THE DOCKS WHERE YOU PUT HER BODY IN THE TRUNK. YOU COVERED THE CAR AND RETURNED TO WORK.

AFTER WORK, WE BOTH WENT HOME, AND AFTER DARK, WE MOVED THE CAR TO THE FIELD GATEWAY AND CONCEALED HER BODY IN A CAVE. YOU SAID TO MAKE SURE IT WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED, WE SHOULD MOVE THAT HUGE BOULDER TO COVER THE DOOR.

I REGRET WHAT WE DID, AND I MUST CONFESS BEFORE I DIE. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL ALSO FIND PEACE AND COME FORWARD WITH THE TRUTH.

SINCERELY,

WILL

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF DEATH Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953



Registration District of Churchdown

Sub District of Cheltenham

in the count 6 of Gloucestershire

No.	When and where died.	Name and surname	Sex.	Age	Occupation	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
311	Tenth September 1960 1 Church Row, Churchdown, Cheltenham	William Henry Richards	Male	72 Years	Clerk	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease acute myocardial infarction	Margaret Edith Richards Spouse 1 Church Row, Churchdown, Cheltenham	Twentieth September 1960	Patrick Cooper

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry of death in a register book in my custody.

Witness my hand this 20th day of September, 1960

F Yeoman
Superintendent Registrar.