

FAQ 37

37.1

Q: You say you believe that Elizabeth Short was killed at your father's house on Franklin Ave. How could this be possible with the family living there? It doesn't make any sense.

Initially, in 2003, I speculated that the surgical bisection may have been performed at my father's private *First Street Clinic*, in downtown Los Angeles. Though there were risks involved, (a late night clean-up person walking in) it seemed the most logical place for the "operation." In my mind, it still remains a possibility. However, with the 2004 release and review of the new DA FILES information/transcripts, I now believe a likelier location was my father's private residence-- The Franklin House. Why?

The 1950 interview of my mother, Dorothy Hodel, reveals that she was temporarily staying at her brother's house in the Silver Lake/Echo Park district of Los Angeles. (By consequence, we three sons would have also been staying with our uncle and mother.) How long? Mother doesn't say, but, at the very least, she excludes our presence at the Franklin House on the night of the murder, January 15, 1947.

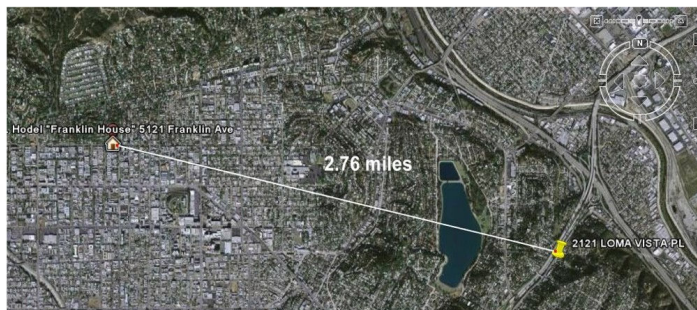
In 1947, there were no roomers/boarders living at the Franklin House, nor had Ellen yet hired on as a maid. (According to Joe Barrett, they all moved in, in 1948-49) That leaves the house empty, except for George Hodel. A concrete fortress, totally isolated from the outside world, would, (based on the newly released facts) make it the most probable crime-scene location. (NB: We know of at least three other crimes that occurred at the Franklin House: 1) Tamar's molestation/incest, 2) Lillian Lenorak's drugging/assault and staged suicide, and 3) The Feb. 18, 1950 assault and possible murder of the unknown woman, heard on the DA wire recording.)

March, 1950, Lt. Frank Jemison interview excerpt with Dorothy Hodel where she states on Jan. 15, 1947, she was living with her brother.

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7 Q Did you ever tell Tamar that Dr. George Hodel was out
8 the night before the murder with Beth Short at a party?
9 A No, I was living at my brother's house at the time. We
10 were not living at the same house. I wouldn't know what he was
11 doing.
12 Q What was your brother's address at that time?
13 A 2121 Loma Vista Place.
14 Q Was anybody ever told you that Dr. George Hodel had Beth
15 Short over to his home?
16 A No.
17 Q Nobody has ever told you that?
18 A No. No one has ever told me that.
19 Q For your information her photograph has been identified by
20 certain persons as resembling the young lady that was over to
21 his house prior to the murder. You never heard anything about
22 that?
23 A I never did.

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My Uncle Gene's residence at 2121 Loma Vista Pl., was in the Silver Lake District of L.A. and was a short, 2.76 miles from the Franklin House.

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Q: I read that you purchased some original Elizabeth Short, Black Dahlia photographs in auction on EBay, in February, 2003, and paid \$7600. Is this accurate? What were the photographs?

Yes. The telling of that story can be found in the AFTERMATH chapter of my book. (Pages 514-515, reproduced below.)

In the last few minutes the bidding accelerated rapidly, and when the electronic dust settled I discovered I had won the bid in the final milliseconds. My winning bid just barely topped the competition at- \$7,611.11.

As indicated below, my main interest in these photographs (aside from the historical importance) has to do with their potential *forensic value*. Stay tuned more to come in that regard.

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