

THE MURDERER OF LONNIE OF DUNKRI

On Thursday, February 25, 1932, around 12 noon, a middle-aged woman with a mourning veil came to Tallinn Houseowners' Bank. He submitted a book of Anna Anspuu's current account to the bank clerk, asking for the entire deposit to be paid out. The clerk filled out a check for this sum, to which the woman wrote the name of A. Anspuu. But before the money was paid, the clerk had doubts about the woman's identity. The clerk asked about Anspuu's date of birth while browsing her ID. She could not answer that question. The clerk then went to the next room to consult with his colleagues. When the clerk returned, the woman had disappeared from the bank, leaving Anspuu's deposit book, ID and the signed check in the bank. The bank notified the criminal police. On the afternoon of the same day, a policeman went to Anna Anspuu's apartment, where the lady of the apartment was found dead and the apartment was upturned.

On Thursday, March 3, around 4 p.m., the criminal police took 36-year-old Aleksander Kerde and his wife into custody. After nine hours of interrogation, Aleksander Kerde finally confessed to the crime. Aleksander's wife, who was released the day after, was not considered an accessory to the robbery and murder. She was later punished with 8 months imprisonment for falsifying the signature on the bank receipt, with which she had tried to withdraw Anna Aunpuu's money from the bank.

Although Kerde tried to present the killing of Anna Anspuu as the unfortunate consequence of a quarrel upon payment of money, the investigation established that it was a premeditated robbery and murder. As a murder weapon, he had brought a 2 kilo scale weight from his meat store. Aleksander Kerde was sentenced to death by a firing squad. 10 days later, on May 22, 1932, the death sentence was executed. The place of execution was somewhere on Nõmme's remote heath moor. He was buried in an unmarked grave. A week and a half later, the body was dug out and handed over to his relatives, and was buried in Kaarli Congregation's cemetery.

It is not known where Anna Anspuu was buried.