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# ALLEN PAYTON KILLED BY SHOT FROM UNKNOWN

Conductor Holder Sees Flash  
in Dark as Train Pulls  
Out and Sees Victim  
As He Falls

## RELATIVES END IDENTIFICATION

Uncle of Lad, County Attorney, Aids in Probing  
of Case

How Allen Payton, young University of Oklahoma Indian student, met his death in the Santa Fe freight yards here late Sunday night was still an unsolved mystery today despite relentless efforts by police and county officers to clear up the baffling circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of the boy.

The salient feature of the story of Payton was established last night by Ed Holden of Gainesville, a conductor on the Santa Fe freight train which pulled out of the Ardmore yards at 11:32 Sunday night, established the fact that Payton was slain by a unknown person and did not die by his own hand.

Questioned by officers, Holden declared that in the darkness he could discern the forms of two men just as his train was pulled out of the city. The men were approximately thirty feet apart when Holden saw the flash of a gun and saw one of the figures fall. Immediately upon his arrival at Guthrie, Holden telegraphed Mayor Etheridge, special Santa Fe agent here, regarding the shooting, but Etheridge declared to officers that a search failed to reveal any traces of the dead man.

### Homicide Not Motive

Homicide was not the motive for the slaying of Payton, officers are certain. A sum of nine and 55 in cash was found when they examined the body yesterday, and there was no evidence that Payton's clothing had been searched.

### Officers Have Clue

Members of the sheriff's department working on the case intimated today that they had developed a slight clue that might lead to arrests some time

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