

It was inferred the night of the murder was a moonless night, and Leila must have seen something, but she didn't scream. Of course, that's speculation because no one knows if she saw her killer or not. No one but the killer, her mother, and her brother would know if she screamed or not. It was never indicated her mother or brother ever heard her scream.

Leila's bed was allegedly within someone's arm's reach of her window as the window was set low and not too far from the ground. It's possible she could have been stunned by someone reaching in and striking her with a heavy hammer, but I question whether the hammer could have reached her head from the window. I think the killer would have needed to be inside the room.

Once stunned, the killer could have climbed in through the window and slit her throat. He could have also quietly climbed in the window first and then stunned her with the hammer.

It was implied in the interview if Leila had not been struck with the hammer and her throat slit first, then blood would have spurted out all over the room because her heart would have still been pumping, but since she was struck, her heart had either stopped, or its pumping had been performing so slowly that blood wasn't spurting out everywhere. And, regardless, the killer had placed an old piece of stolen clothing into the wound to capture the flow of blood.

Leila had her menstrual cycle at the time and took medicine for accompanying cramps, and depending on how strong the medicine was, it might have caused enough sedation to slow down any alertness. That depends on what the medicine was. It could have just been aspirin.

It was also believed that 50% of the police department decided George Welsh Jr. was the killer and the other 50% were convinced he was innocent. It was a challenging case to defend because the public was persuaded of George's guilt. There was some concern whether they would be able to find a jury which could be fair and since they didn't have a lot of evidence to support their case, they had to rely on scrutinizing the evidence.

It was felt the fingerprint collected from the windowsill of Leila's bedroom was the only harmful piece of evidence against George. Obviously, George's prints would be found everywhere in the house since he lived there too. Nobody who was competent enough to testify regarding the fingerprints wanted to because they didn't want to be fingered out by the police department as though they were speaking out against them. They didn't want to feel ostracized by the Kansas City Police Department.

At the time, there were alleged political indifferences between the police and Sheriff's departments.

To some, the verdict wasn't a surprise because it was their belief George wasn't guilty. With the case being properly carried out and the prosecutors being unable to prove he was guilty, he had to be acquitted. So, for the defense, they had a good jury.

With all the detectives working on Leila's case, including the unyielding ones wanting an answer and not just any answer to satisfy a capture, they all had their perspectives on any trace evidence, or facts presented. The physical evidence that was dramatic and too easily found excluding the piece of flesh in someone's backyard invited speculation as to whether the pieces of evidence such as the hammer and knife were involved with the crime. That hammer and knife were too easily discovered.

Were items dropped as the killer was escaping through the neighborhood, or were they planted? For example, the knife provoked opinions that it didn't seem sharp enough to make clean cuts on the victim and it was driven into the ground just below the victim's bedroom window.

The trace evidence included a footprint and fingerprint, the latter of which may have had nothing to do with the crime because the killer wore gloves. The fingerprint in question, however, belonged to the chief suspect and brother to Leila. The footprint was determined to belong to someone who appeared to have small feet.

Depending on the case, since some opinions carry that a victim and a killer probably were acquainted or knew each other well, to think someone showed up at Leila's open and screenless window for an invitation to sneak in becomes plausible. And still, it's speculation.

Noteworthy, the window to Leila's bedroom was low to the ground outside and the head of her bed was not far from the window. I will always have a problem believing it was close enough for the killer to reach in with a heavy hammer to strike her head.

Shop owners who allegedly sold a hammer and knife which were found at the crime scene had issues with their memory recall. There is, though, only a brief chance of opportunity after a crime has been committed to acquire fresh doubtless information from witnesses that will hold up in a courtroom of criminal law. How could doubt be raised, though, when the evidence was questioned?

I don't know how many cases the police department had to juggle at the time of this crime. This incident made headline news across the country leading anyone researching this case to believe it was the most horrifying occurrence that undoubtedly affected the surrounding community of the Welsh home in Kansas City. The main media sources were the newspaper and radio. An immediate arrest was needed to bring a sense of safety and comfort into the neighborhood and city so the element of fear could be removed once the killer was behind bars.