

State Out To Prove Paulus Paid Killer

HOUSTON (UPI) — An assistant district attorney Wednesday said he planned to prove Lila Paulus paid the killer of prominent plastic surgeon Dr. John Hill.

Mrs. Paulus is charged with accessory to murder Hill, who was slain at his home Sept. 24, 1972.

Bob Bennett and defense lawyer Dick Deguerin finished jury selection and Bennett made his opening statements, alleging Mrs. Paulus was the go-between on a "contract" killing of Hill.

State District Judge Frank C. Price Tuesday granted immunity from further prosecution to Marcia McKittrick and ordered her to testify in the Paulus trial. Mrs. McKittrick was convicted of Hill's murder last November and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The two women and Bobby Wayne Vandiver were charged with Hill's death, but Vandiver, the alleged triggerman, died in a cafe gunbattle with Longview, Tex., police May 14, 1974.

At the time of Hill's death, he was about to be retried for on charges he murdered his second wife, socialite Joan Robinson Hill, by not providing her proper care when she was ill.

Bennett told the jury after her death there was an animosity between the surgeon and Mrs. Hill's father, Ash Robinson.

Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk testified Hill died of three gunshot wounds and had struggled with his assailant, suffering a fractured nose and cuts on the head.

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2/19/75	This Day	This Week
Receipts	12,06128,3	
Other Ports		
Total	12,06128,3	
EXPORTS		
FOREIGN—		
Great Britain		
France		
Continent		6,5
Africa		
South America		
Middle East		
Orient		13,
Total Foreign		19,

Jackson Elected