

going to the place, found blood all over the snow, which continued to a ravine about fifteen feet from the road. Here they found Gordon's body, covered with brush and snow, a hole through the head as if made by a large pistol ball; his pockets turned inside out and his watch and all his money gone.

Worrell had been seen in St. Charles leading a horse which resembled Gordon's, and from there he went to St. Louis, remaining there three days and going to the theater each night. From there he traveled on horseback to Vincennes, Ind.

A published description of the deserter from Fort Leavenworth corresponded with that of the man who was seen with the horse in St. Charles, and the chief of police of St. Louis, Captain J. D. Couzins, started for Vincennes in pursuit of him and there learned that he had sold Gordon's horse and other articles belonging to the murdered man to the proprietor of a hotel in that place.

From this point, all trace of the murderer was lost for several days, but Captain Couzins finally traced him to Baltimore and from there to Dover, Del., where his parents resided. Captain Couzins saw him on the streets during the daytime, but feared that he would be taken from him by force by his friends. So he waited until after midnight and then arrested him in bed at a hotel, gagged him so that he could not give an alarm and took him twelve miles on a hand car, where he caught a train for the West. On a chair near Worrell's bed the saddlebags were found and in his pocket Gordon's watch. Bruff was taken into custody about the same time at his home in Macon, Ga.

Both Worrell and Bruff were indicted for the murder of Gordon in Warren County, Mo., in May, 1856, but the case was removed to the town of Union in Franklin County, and in January, 1857, a few days less than a year after the tragedy, the trial of Worrell was begun. After a hearing which lasted two weeks, the jury declared him guilty and he was hanged in June, 1857, his counsel having made a fruitless appeal to the Supreme Court.