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STEPFATHER IS SHOT BY NEW SON

(Special to the Herald) TUBAC, Sept 13 - Tomas Elias, who arrived here Saturday with his bride, widow of Charles Proctor, and who went out with her to her ranch at Sopri, six miles from here, was shot five times early this morning by, it is stated, one of his stepsons.

The shooting is the result of an old quarrel, it is said.

At 11 o'clock Elias was not dead but was severely wounded and thought to be dying. He could make no statement. So far as can be ascertained, there were no witnesses to the shooting.

Gave Himself Up Following the shooting, young Proctor, who was in a highly excited condition, declared to persons in the neighborhood that he would go to Nogales to give himself up and walked to Amado, a distance of about seven miles. Here he telephoned Sheriff McKnight that he was ready to surrender and offered to come down on the train. The sheriff, however, came up in an automobile and took the young man in the machine to Nogales where he was placed in jail.

The coroner from Nogales arrived on the scene and a jury was hastily impaneled and viewed the remains, but no verdict was rendered. News was sent to Tucson and Harry Moslander of the Reilly Undertaking company left for the scene with driver Jameson about 1 o'clock.

They started on their return journey about 5 o'clock, bringing with them Tomas Elias, Sr., father of the dead man; the mother, Mrs. Jesus Elias, formerly Mrs. Charles Proctor, and two small Proctor girls, daughters of Mrs. Proctor. They arrived in the city about 11 o'clock.

News Reaches Tucson News of the killing did not become known to Sheriff Forbes until 9:30 and he immediately started to investigate, but soon found that the murder had occurred in Santa Cruz county so he countermanded orders for a machine to go to the scene.

A little later Officer Comacho of the city police saw young Charles Proctor, aged about 25, an older brother of George, who resides at Helvetia on the street and told him that Tomas Elias, his newly made stepfather had been killed. It was news to him and he went with Camacho to the sheriff's office to learn the particulars. He stated that he; with his third brother Frank, aged 20, had been to visit his uncle, Henry Proctor, living near Rillito Station, and that they had just come into Tucson. Here, he said, they had met Henry, the youngest brother, who said he had just come from the ranch at Sopori, but did not say anything about the killing.