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## PROCTOR BOYS REFUSE ANY STATEMENT ON KILLING OF TOMAS ELIAS

Sopori Murder Case Draws Attention From All South-West

Arrestment to Be Held Tomorrow Preliminary Hearing at Tubac

"Nothing to say" This was the answer of both Frank and George Proctor, arrested following the killing of their stepfather, Tomas Elias, at Sopori Monday morning, when interviewers endeavored to obtain a statement from them this morning.

Deputy Sheriff Walker arrived today from Tucson with Frank Proctor, who was placed under arrest there by the Tucson authorities on request of the Santa Cruz sheriff's office.

No charge has been put against either of the boys yet, but it is expected that they will be arraigned tomorrow on a charge of murder.

The preliminary will be held at Tubac.

It is now declared by the county authorities that George Proctor did not confess to the murder, as at first stated, but that, in telephoning Sheriff W. S. McKnight Monday morning, he said: "I did the shooting. I will come down to Nogales, or will await you here."

Case Attracts Attention McKnight then went to Sopori and brought him down.

Frank Proctor has yet made no statement.

No case in recent years in southern Arizona has attracted so much attention as the Sopori killing. Evidence at the trial will, it is expected, be sensational in the extreme. It is said that the case is almost parallel to "Hamlet". The alleged efforts of George Proctor to shield his accomplices by himself confessing is attracting much attention. Mrs. Elias is said to be prostrated. Her husband slain, two of her four sons under arrest on a charge of killing him, her home broken up and her happiness blighted, the widow of Charles Proctor, the cattleman who died from poison a little over a year ago, according to the jury's verdict, is stated to have gone into seclusion and to have denied herself to all comers.