

Murder Case Jury To Get Instructions

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Carrizozo, N. M.—The state's case against Caleriano Alaniz, 44, and Luis Campos, 30, charged with the fatal shooting of Pierre (Pete) Nalda, was recessed until 7:30 p. m. Friday, when instructions to the jury were to be given.

Relatives of the slain southeast New Mexico ranch foreman were called to the witness stand Thursday in the murder trial.

Called to testify were Nalda's brother, Mike, and son, Johnny, and the dead man's nephew, Gracien Ernaut, 22. Lincoln County Sheriff S. M. Ortiz also testified.

Ernaut told of being awakened about midnight the night of the shooting Feb. 26 and being forced by two men to endorse three checks after his uncle wrote them at gunpoint.

Ernaut said the two men then forced him and Nalda outside the house. Nalda was shot when he broke and ran after one of the men said "This is the hour to kill them," the nephew testified.

Nalda's body was found later by Ernaut and Mike Nalda. There were two bullet wounds in his head and one in his back.