

# DAM WORKER JAILED AFTER L. A. ROAD FIGHT

1833  
Jack Strickland In Trouble Again Accused With Knifing F. Godeman

Accused of knifing Frank Godeman, Hoover dam high scaler, after selling him a half gallon of liquor and taking \$33 away from him, Jack Strickland, high jackhammer man of the dam project, today was in the county jail as the aftermath of incidents of yesterday.

Godeman told Sheriff Joe Keate last night Strickland took him out of his, Strickland's car a mile out of Las Vegas, made him give up \$33, shortly after he had cashed his check at a club in Vegas, and slashed at him with a knife, cutting his leg and hands, but not severely.

STRICKLAND, who said Godeman worked for him on his crew for a time, denied any knifing, and said Godeman lost the money gambling, being too drunk to remember.

Godeman said the battle in which the alleged slashing took place was about 8 p. m. last night, and about a mile out the Los Angeles highway.

Strickland, however, said the "battle" took place more than a mile south of Vegas on a different road, and that Godeman started the fight.

AFTER THE alleged fight, which was witnessed by Strickland's young bride of four months, Strickland drove his car away, leaving Godeman, who walked in to the nearest telephone and phoned the sheriff.

Sheriff Keate immediately telephoned Boulder City and Chief of Police Bud Bodell soon picked up Strickland in Boulder City, just as he was leaving Boulder City to return to Vegas, having taken his wife to her mother's home at 623 California in Boulder City.

**STRICKLAND WAS** taken to Las Vegas in custody of Keate and Deputy Bill Mott, Godeman accompanying them, for the purpose of going over the entire affair with officers and being identified at various establishments in Vegas.

Godeman said he had known Strickland but a few days, and that Strickland at 9:30 yesterday morning invited him to go to Vegas with him, since they had been laid off for the day on account of the rain.

Godeman said they went to Strickland's apartment just north of Fremont street near Thirteenth street in Las Vegas, and that Strickland told him he had a quantity of liquor of which he, Godeman could buy a little if he wanted. He said he bought a gallon, and had about three drinks, and that other men also had drinks there.

**GODEMAN STATED** he went to the Boulder Club late in the day and cashed his check, and that Strickland then went and got his wife and picked him up at the club to take him to Boulder City.

He said when they got out in the country Strickland stopped the car and told him to get out, knocking him into the ditch and coming at him with the knife. A small gash was cut in his leg, a six inch slit being cut in his corduroy trousers. A pass made at his abdomen he said cut thru only his clothing, just grazing the skin.

Strickland said the fight was

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caused by Codeman, and that no knife was used. He said he heard a bottle break on the pavement during the scuffle.

**STRICKLAND HAS** been involved in several shooting scrapes and other troubles in the past few years in southern Nevada, according to Sheriff Keate and Reservation Chief Bodell.

It was Strickland who allegedly hit a man over the head with a piece of pipe about two years ago while he was running a service station at Four Mile, the man dying shortly afterward and Strickland's truck being upset on the highway on the way in to town, in such manner as to appear the man had been killed in the auto accident.

**THE OLD MAN** and his two sons had been creating a disturbance outside Strickland's place, he said.

August 5, 1931, Bodell arrested Strickland in an alleged gun fight at Sunset, and it was on the way back from this affair that Bodell's car was wrecked in a collision with another car loaded with liquor, and the officer's wrist severely injured.