

## FELIKS BZDUCH

Koprzywnica, 17 September 1948, 5.00 p.m. I, Corporal Jan Maj from the Citizens' Militia Station in Koprzywnica, acting pursuant to the instructions of the Vice-Prosecutor of the District Court Prosecutor's Office, issued based on Article 20 of the provisions introducing the Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 257 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, due to the unavailability of a judge in the township, in consequence whereof any delay could result in the disappearance of traces or evidence of a crime, which traces or evidence might cease to exist before the arrival of a judge, observing the formal requirements set forward in Articles 235–240, 258 and 259 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in the presence of witness Czesław Zieliński who was advised of the obligation to confirm with his signature the consistency of the report with the course of the proceedings, interviewed the person mentioned hereunder as a witness. Having been advised of the significance of the oath, of the right to refuse testimony for the reasons stated in Article 104 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and of the liability for making false declarations pursuant to Article 140 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the witness was sworn in as required and declared as follows:

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Name and surname	Feliks Bzduch
Parents' names	Wojciech and Agnieszka
Age	49 years old
Date and place of birth	30 May 1899, Cegielnia
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Occupation	laborer
Place of residence	Cegielnia, Koprzywnica Commune, Sandomierz District
Relationship to the parties	none

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As regards the present case, I am aware of the following facts: I do not remember the exact date, but it was during rye harvest. I was cutting rye with my wife Anna in the field next to the house of Jan Gach when I heard three shots fired in our direction. I looked around and I saw gendarmes and blue police officers walking in file on both sides of the road leading to the house of the late Jan Gach. While the gendarmes were approaching the buildings, Jan Gach and Jan Bernaś burst out of the house and started escaping in the direction of the village of Gnieszowice. The Germans and the police were shooting at them so much that we could hear continuous shots. During the escape, Jan Gach managed to get about 300 meters away from his house and he was killed there, while the gendarmes continued chasing Jan Bernaś as far as the Koprzywianka River. There they lost sight of him. They all came back to the house of Jan Gach, surrounded the buildings and burned them down. Afterwards, they returned to Koprzywnica, where they got into cars and left for Sandomierz. Then, I went to see Jan Gach, who had been killed. A bullet had gone through his head. This is all I know concerning the case.

At this point, the report was concluded, read out, and signed.