

# MAN IS SHOT WHEN HE FORCES DOOR TO ROOM

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—John Vallini, a fruit dealer, who was shot last night while visiting Miss Margaret Hastings, a cabaret performer, in a rooming house, died today. The girl, who recently came here from Atlantic City, was held as a material witness, and the police are seeking Vallini's assailant. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Frank Doris, of this city, in connection with the case.

Miss Hastings was said to have told the police that she had never before seen the man who did the shooting.

According to the police, Vallini was in her room last night when there was a knock at the door. The girl answered it and a man pushed his way in. Seeing Vallini, the intruder, without a word, struck Miss Hastings in the face, and she fell unconscious. As Vallini sprang forward to protect her, the man fired twice. One bullet struck Vallini in the side, and the other was embedded in the floor near where the girl lay.

Vallini died without regaining consciousness.

Later developments, the police said, led them to believe that Vallini had broken into Miss Hastings' room and was shot by a man already there. Romeo Verna, a friend of the slain man, was quoted as having said that he and Vallini went to the girl's room and when they received no response to their knocks, Vallini forced the door. A few minutes later he heard a scuffle, followed by shots. Then a man, a stranger to him, rushed out with a pistol in his hand and fled down the steps.

Doris, for whom the police are searching, is known to them as "Tenderloin Frankie."