

## STEFAN STACHURA

On 4 May 1946, the Municipal Court in Opatów, represented by Judge Al. Zalewski, with the participation of reporter R. Cybulski, interviewed the person mentioned below as a witness. Having advised the witness of the criminal liability for making false declarations, of the wording of Article 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and of the significance of the oath, the judge swore the witness in accordance with Article 108 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, whereupon the witness testified as follows:

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<b>Name and surname</b>	Stefan Stachura
<b>Age</b>	45 years old
<b>Parents' names</b>	Kacper and Katarzyna
<b>Place of residence</b>	Opatów, Iwańska Street 100
<b>Occupation</b>	mill owner
<b>Religious affiliation</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Criminal record</b>	none
<b>Relationship to the parties</b>	none

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In the summer of 1943, while I was staying in buildings owned by Jan Turski, residing at Cmentarna Street, I saw the locally infamous torturer nicknamed "chauffeur", also known as Ryszard Hospodar, together with an officer of former criminal police Stanisław Słonka, taking a young man with tied up hands to the cemetery – the execution site – where just a moment later, one of them shot him down; I couldn't see which one was the killer.

Similarly, in the fall of 1944, on my way back home, I saw the aforementioned Hospodar and Słonka, as well as Futerleib, who was shot down in the streets later. They led another young man with tied up hands, who did not look like the criminal type, towards the cemetery, their

chosen place of executions. Standing on a nearby hill, I could see Hospodar shooting him several times with an automatic rifle and the man dropping dead on the ground.

As I was operating a mill during the German occupation, and due to the milling outside the pro-German “ration card” system, I was particularly oppressed by the former criminal police officer Stanisław Słonka, as well as former Blue Police officer Andrzej Pisarkiewicz, who, in exchange for not informing on me to the German authorities, extorted numerous and considerable payments [of different kinds] from me: flour, bran, etc.