

MICHAŁ KRAKOWIAK

Koprzywnica, 15 September 1948, 12.20 p.m. I, Stefan Maj from the Citizens' Militia Station in Koprzywnica, acting in accordance with the instructions by 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 reporter Józef Jarosz, interviewed the person mentioned hereunder as a witness. Having been advised of the significance of the oath, of the right to refuse testimony for 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 Penal Code, the witness was sworn in as required and declared as follows:

Name and surname	Michał Krakowiak
Parents' names	Florian and Marianna
Age	38 years old
Place of birth	Cegielnia, Koprzywnica Commune
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Occupation	post office worker
Place of residence	Koprzywnica
Relationship to the parties	none

As regards the present case, I am aware of the following facts: on 13 March 1943 around 10.00 a.m., two German gendarmes and an officer of the former police, Bronisław

Wesołowski, came to the post office in Koprzywnica. When they came in, they asked for Ewa Łutowicz. Having identified her, they told her to get dressed (that is: "Get dressed, you'll go with us"). She put on her coat and gave them her purse, where she had ten painkillers for headache, which I personally collected an hour before from the drugstore, and keys to her private apartment.

When they took her outside the post office, I wanted to know where they would take her, and I heard one of the gendarmes walking behind the late Ewa Łutowicz say in German that they would go left (*links richtung*). I immediately ran outside by the side door in order to see what would happen next with the arrestee. There was some timber along the fence on the square where the post office was located. I hid behind it and watched where they were taking her.

After they left the post office through the waiting room, they went behind the post office building and made Ewa Łutowicz face north-east, while one of the gendarmes fired a revolver. However, Ewa Łutowicz turned to her executioners and told them something, and then another gendarme shot her several times with a manual machine gun. After a third shot, she collapsed to the ground, covered in blood. As soon as the gendarmes left, I went there to take care of the corpse together with other people. I noticed that she had been shot twice in the back of her head, and the rest of the bullets hit her in the back, near her heart.

This is all I know concerning the death of the late Ewa Łutowicz, who was shot dead by the German gendarmerie from Radom.