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AUSTIN

GERALD C. MANN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Tom L. Beauchamp, Jr.
Secretary to the Governor
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. Q-3087
Re: Disposing of
claims for reward
offered by the
Governor.

We are returning to you herewith your file in connection with the reward offered by the Governor for the apprehension of the unknown person or persons guilty of the murder of George R. Roberts.

The proclamation offering the reward in this instance states that the Governor does "hereby offer a reward of \$250.00 for the arrest and delivery of the said unknown person or persons to the sheriff of Lamar County, inside the jail door of said county. This reward is payable on condition of the arrest, return and conviction of said fugitive within one year from this day."

In this situation, it is necessary that a conviction of the person or persons be had, before the reward will be due and payable. In such situation, the conviction is essential to identify the person apprehended as being the "unknown" person referred to as allegedly murdering the said George R. Roberts.

Since the file does not reflect that any conviction of the apprehended fugitive has been had, the

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condition upon which the reward is payable has not been met, and it becomes unnecessary to determine, at this time, the question of apportionment between claimants.

Yours very truly
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

By (Signed) R. W. Fairchild
Assistant

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APPROVED AUG 4, 1941

(signed) Grover Sellers

FIRST ASSISTANT
ATTORNEY GENERAL

APPROVED OPINION COMMITTEE
By BWB Chairman