Unsolved Case File No. 33688957

**Case Type:** Murder

**Victim:** Detective Patrick Maloney

**Cause of Death:** blow to the back of the head

**Weapon:** unknown; surmised to be some sort of blunt object

**Time of Death:** between 5pm and 7pm on Thursday, September 7, 1953, in parlor of own home

**Witnesses:** Sam McKellan (grocer) and Mary Maloney (spouse)

**Lead Investigators:** Det. Jack Noonan and Det. O’Malley

**Clues:** Det. Patrick Maloney was found lying on the floor of his parlor with a fatal blow to the back of the head. No other signs of violence were found in the home. No forced entry was found. Wife did leave the back door open when she ran out to the grocer’s to get food for supper. Upon returning from the grocer’s, Mrs. Maloney found her husband sprawled on the floor of the parlor and called the precinct immediately. A search of the premises garnished no further evidence. A talk with Sam McKellan, the grocer, backed up Mrs. Maloney’s story. Mrs. Maloney is six months pregnant with their first child and all other information indicates that the marriage was a happy one.

**Suspects:** ?????

Using the facts above, come up with a plausible solution to this mystery.