

Court Opens Bail Appeal for Carter, Artis, Defendants in Triple Murder

PATERSON — Application for bail for Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis was partially heard yesterday by Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner. The hearing is expected to continue Monday afternoon.

Carter, 29, of 498 20th Ave., and John Artis, 21, of 5 Tyler St., Carter's some-time s p a r r i n g partner, are scheduled to go on trial April 3 for the June 17, murder of three persons at the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St.

Killed in the shooting were John Oliver, bartender and part owner of the tavern, Fred Nauyoks of Cedar Grove and Mrs. Helen Tanis of Hawthorne. Mrs. Tanis died several weeks after the shooting. A fourth victim, William Marins, recovered after hospitalization.

Carter was charged last October and was indicted by the grand jury in December.

Held in Chambers

Judge Larner held the hearing in chambers at which Carter, former ranking middle-weight boxer, and Artis were represented by J. R a y m o n d Brown of Jersey City.

The judge said he held it outside the presence of newsmen to aid in the insurance of the defendant's chances of a fair trial. The state, represented by Assistant Prosecutor Vincent Hull Jr., will seek the death penalty for the shooting.

Before retiring to Judge Lar-

ner's chambers, Brown sought answers to a bill of particulars.

Deny Identification

He was denied a request for the names of two state witnesses whom he said appear to be eye witnesses in the shooting. Brown said he wanted to see just what the witnesses saw that night. According to Brown, they are also being held in the county jail.

Hull contended the state is not required to provide the defense with these names. Judge Larner agreed.

Brown was granted permission to review a transcript of the defendants' testimony before the Grand Jury last June 29 and also to see ballistic report copies and firearms figuring into the case with an expert.

Jury Convicts Man of Assault

PATERSON — James H. Wiggins, 24, of 718 E. 18th St., Paterson, was convicted in superior court yesterday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a weapon.

Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner will sentence Wiggins on April 26.

Wiggins was arrested after being pulled from a car by Patrolmen Crews, 4th St. and 5th St. on the P. Street. He was arrested three days ago.

Also he gained permission to view medical and autopsy reports and photos but was denied the request to review composite sketches which were allegedly made of the defendants.

Ringwood

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