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Judge Continues Appeal For Bail of Carter, Artis

PATERSON — Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Lerner yesterday continued, without setting a final date, a bail application by Ruben (Hurricane) Carter, 29, and John Artis, 21.

Both men are charged with murdering three persons last June 17 at the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St. Through their attorney, Raymond A. Brown, they are seeking bail. Assistant Prosecutor Vincent Hull Jr., is planning to seek the death penalty. The pair is scheduled to go on trial for the shootings on April 3.

Judge Lerner heard part of the application last Friday and was to have heard the application Monday. Then it was announced the continuation was to be today.

In a surprise move, the hearing was held yesterday at 4 p.m. in the judge's chambers.

Rejects State Move

Judge Lerner rejected a move by Hull to consider privately certain affidavits, said to be eyewitness statements, before arriving at a decision on the application.

Judge Lerner ruled he felt the private study of the affidavits would not guarantee the defendants all their rights. He gave Hull until Monday to file a request for leave to appeal with the State Supreme Court.

Hull indicated he would file the papers soon.

Meanwhile Carter, 498 20th Ave., and Artis, 5 Tyler St., are still in the county jail.

The shooting occurred at about 2:30 a.m. last June 17. Killed instantly were John Oliver, bartender and part owner of the tavern and Fred Nauyoks of Cedar Grove. Mrs. Helen Tanis

of Hawthorne, died several weeks later. A fourth victim, Fred Marins of Paterson, was released after several weeks of hospitalization.

Carter, once a ranking middleweight boxing title contender, and Artis, his one time sparring partner, were charged with the shootings last October and were indicted in December.

Fairfield GOP To Hear Yoeman

FAIRFIELD — The Fairfield Republican Club will meet tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Fairfield Road.

Councilman John Francis club president announced guest speaker will be William F. Yoemans. Meeting is open to all residents of Fairfield.

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