

Carter-Artis Jury Box

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Empty After First Day

PATERSON — Jury selection in the Ruben Carter-John Artis first degree murder trial continues today. Yesterday six prospective jurors were questioned and dismissed.

Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave., a once-ranking middleweight boxer fighting under the name of Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, and Artis, 22, of 5 Tyler St., Carter's

occasional sparring partner, are charged with killing three persons in the June 17, 1966 shooting at the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St., Paterson.

Killed instantly were: John George Oliver, 52, bartender and part owner of the bar who lived above the tavern, and Fred Nauyoks, 60, of 89 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Hazel Tanis, 51, of 176 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, died about three weeks later of wounds. Surviving after extensive hospitalization was William Marins, 42, of 225 Keen St., Paterson.

Special Panel

A special 96-member jury panel was selected last Monday before Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner who is hearing the case.

Yesterday as the jury selection began, Judge Larner announced five persons from the special panel were excused for medical reasons. Then 22 persons who sought to be excused appeared before Judge Larner. He excused 16.

Three men and women were quizzed by Judge Larner, Assistant Prosecutor Vincent Hull Jr., who is seeking the death penalty for the pair; Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City, Carter's attorney, and Arnold M. Stein of Denville, Artis' lawyer. Of the six prospective jurors

five were excused by the court and one by defense counsel.

During the questioning of prospective jurors, Hull announced the state may call a total of 83 witnesses. Brown indicated there would be 13 defense witnesses for Carter and Stein said there could be 17 defense witnesses for Artis.

Potential Witnesses

Among the potential witnesses named by Hull were: Marins, Mrs. Patricia Graham Valenine, who lived above the tavern when the shooting occurred; Mrs. Elizabeth Panagia and Joseph Panagia, both of Saddle Brook, who were co-owners of the tavern, plus an estimated 20 Paterson policemen.

Brown indicated he would call as witnesses Mrs. Mercedes Carter, the defendant's wife; Carmine Tedeschi, his former fight manager, several sparring partners and friends.

Stein said he intended to call Freeholder Director Joseph Donato; James Comerford, Paterson John F. Kennedy High School principal, and numerous friends and relatives.

Judge Larner approved a move to have the jury sequestered during the length of the trial.

Judge Larner indicated the trial is expected to last at least five weeks. There is speculation it will take about three weeks to select and seat a jury of 14 persons to hear the case.

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Teacher to Aid

Richard Hemmer, mathematics teacher in the high school, will also serve as administrative assistant July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968. His additional duties will include the problems of maintenance of school properties.

William Lashbrook, serving as chairman of the meeting, said that Hemmer is qualified to assume the additional duties and has prove his abilities by doing so since the last board meeting.

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