

Testimony Begins Today In Carter-Artis Trial

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PATERSON — Testimony in the Rubin (Hurricane) Carter-~~John Art~~ murder trial began today. The 14th juror was seated at 4:18 p.m. yesterday, the 17th day spent trying to fill the panel.

Sworn as the last juror needed before testimony could begin was Natale Congon, 59, of 47 Wanaque Ave., Wanaque, a press operator for Westinghouse, Belleville.

Congon was the 377th person

interviewed since the quest for a 14-member jury began on April 17.

Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave., ranking middleweight boxing title contender, and Artis, 22, of 5 Bridge St., also of Paterson, a former Central High School track star, are accused of the murder of three persons at the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St., Paterson, last June 17.

Asks Death Penalty
Assistant Prosecutor Vincent E. Hull Jr., representing the

state, is seeking a death penalty conviction.

Defense attorneys, Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City for Carter and Arnold M. Stein of Den-ville for artis, are maintaining a defense of absolute innocence.

Although the jury selection took 17 days, it did not set a record for a murder trial here. Several times over the past few years it has taken more than four weeks to obtain a jury.

The jurors selected since April 19, when Mrs. Antoinette Farg-noli of Rifle Camp Road, West Paterson, was picked as the first juror, have been seques-tered at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel.

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Police said they were answer-
ing an emergency call April 29
and Baker refused to pull over
when the flashed their dome
light and siren.

Sought to Flee
Patrolman Robert Sisco said
Baker sped away. When the
cars reached Federal Square,
police said the one driven by
Baker veered to the opposite
side of the road into a car being
operated by Kieth Nelson, 17, of
34 Wallace Ave., Bloomingdale.

Nelson and three other teen-
agers had been at the senior
prom at Butler High School. All
were injured, including Baker,
and were treated at Chilton Me-
morial Hospital.

In other cases before Nochin-
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The jury is comprised of four women and 10 men. There is one Negro, George S. Griffith, 38, of 805 11th Ave., Paterson, on the jury. He was the second juror selected. Both Carter and Artis are Negroes. Victims of the shooting were all white. Killed instantly were James Oliver, 52, part owner and bartender at the tavern, who lived in the same building as the bar, and Fred Nauyoks, 60, of 89 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Hazel Tanis, 51, of 176 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, the third victim, died several weeks later. A fourth person, William Marins, 42, of 225 Keen St., Pa-terson, recovered from head and body wounds.

Twice during the jury selection a juror was seated, but within 24 hours excused.

Two Excused

Richard Kuiken, 64, of 307 N. Eighth St., Prospect Park, was picked to sit on the jury on April 18, but he was excused the fol-
lowing day by Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Lerner, presid-
ing at the trial, for medical rea-
sons.

Shortly after Kuiken was ex-
cused, Mrs. Fargnoli was select-
ed.

Last Friday, Adrian T. Breure, 50, of 47 Clinton Ave., Clifton, was seated as the 12th juror. The following day he was excused because he was the vic-
tim of a mugging in Michigan
several years ago and it was felt
because of the experience there
might be an unconscious preju-
dice.

Members of the jury are:
Mrs. Fargnoli, Griffith, Mrs.
Patricia M. Joy, 265 Marion St.
Paterson; Mrs. Jean E. Eel-
man, 166 Kearny St., Paterson;
George F. Cupolo, 34, of 14 Alex-
ander Ave., Wanaque; John R.
Kokosky, 59 North Road,
Wayne.

Ronald J. Patierno, 31, of 259
Randolph Ave., Clifton; Ronald
F. Luna, 28, of 89 Cutler St.,
Clifton; Vincent Tassitano, 45,
of 389 Conklin Town Road,
Ringwood.

Mrs. Kathleen T. Payne, 117
Turner St., Paterson; Carl A.
Catonak, 22, of 47 Cheever Ave.,
Clifton; Cornelius Sullivan, 50,
of 5 Decker Road, Wanaque;
Joseph Thear, 41, of 23 Wickers
St., Clifton; and Congon.

During the jury selection,
Carter and Artis used their com-
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his 12. The balance of
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