

Spent Bullets, Shotgun Shell in Spotlight Today

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PATERSON — Testimony linking spent bullets found at the Lafayette Grill, where three persons died in a shooting last June 17, is expected to be brought out by the prosecution today in the first degree murder trial of Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis.

Testimony yesterday, the 23rd day of the trial, brought out how Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave., and Artis, 22, of 5 Tyler St., both of Paterson, were taken into custody within a half hour after the shooting at the Bar at 428 E. 18th St., Paterson.

Other testimony brought out police discovered several spent 32-caliber bullets and a spent shotgun shell inside the tavern. Police witnesses today are expected to relate the spent shells to a live 32-caliber bullet and a live 12-gauge shotgun shell found in the 1966 white Dodge sedan bearing New York license plates in which Carter, ranking middleweight boxer, and Artis, former Central High School track star, were riding when taken into custody.

Tell About Car

Yesterday Paterson policemen testified how they were notified to look for a white car seen leaving the shooting scene and the stopping of a car which answered the description, occupied by Carter and Artis, some distance from the tavern.

Paterson Police Sergeant Theodore Capter and Patrolman Angelo De Chellis, testified they stopped the car at 14th Avenue and E. 28th Street, checked it out and let the occupants leave.

They said Artis was driving with Carter seated in the back. An unidentified man, later identified as John Royster, Jr., 271

Hamilton Ave., was seated in the front passenger seat of the car:

Capter and De Chellis said, upon learning the car sought had New York license plates, they searched for the car and stopped it at Broadway and E. 18th Street. Artis and Carter were alone then.

Police Sergeant Robert Tanis and Patrolman John Nativo testified they saw a white car turn from E. 18th Street onto 12th Avenue while they were en route to the tavern. They said they caught "a fleeting glance" at the car as it rounded the corner.

Both men said they led the way to the tavern after Carter and Artis had been taken into custody by Sergeant Capter and De Chellis.

Pair Co-operative

Police Lieutenant Al Lynch testified he ordered a patrol wagon and asked the defendants to get in it to be taken to headquarters. He said they offered no resistance. Patrolman Ed-

ward Mc Sheffrey testified he drove the car the pair had been in to the police garage where he locked the vehicle. He said he only saw a paper bag on the seat.

Testifying how they found the spent bullets the state seeks to connect with the live ammunition found in the car was Patrolman Philip Lapadura, who previously testified about photos of the scene he had taken, and Detective Lieutenant Joseph Rafferty, who headed the initial investigation.

Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City, Carter's lawyer, and Arnold M. Stein of Denville for Artis, quizzed each witness about how their clients were dressed at the time.

The witnesses said Carter was wearing a white jacket and Artis had on "some sort" of a dark shirt or sweater.

The trial is being conducted before Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner with 10 men and four women serving on the jury.