

Carter-Artis Summations Today

PATERSON — Summations in the first degree murder trial of boxer Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis were to have begun today before the 10 man-four women jury which heard the case.

Defense counsel Arnold M. Stein of Denville representing Artis was to have offered his closing arguments first, followed by Carter's lawyer, Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City. Assistant Prosecutor Vincent E. Hull Jr., seeking a death penalty conviction of the pair, will present the last summation.

Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner, who has presided over the case, will charge the jury Friday before 12 of the 14 jurors are chosen to begin deliberating.

Last Witnesses

Yesterday, the 29th day of the trial in which the death sentence is sought for the pair accused of killing three last June, the defense presented its last witnesses and the prosecution brought in two rebuttal witnesses.

Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave., ranking middleweight boxing crown contender and Artis, 22,

of 5 Tyler St., a former Central High School track star are accused of shooting up the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St., Paterson, last June 17, killing James Oliver, 52, bartender who lived above the tavern, and Fred Nauyoks, 60, of 89 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, instantly.

The third victim, Mrs. Hazel Tanis, 51, of 176 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, died on July 14. A fourth victim of the shooting, William Marins, 43, of 225 Keen St., survived.

Before concluding their case, defense attorneys, Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City for Carter and Arnold M. Stein of Denville, for Artis, presented five witnesses.

Royster Testifies

John (Bucks) Royster, 94 N. First St., Paterson, said he sat next to the bass drum at the West Broadway tavern and "dozed off." He said the band was playing at the time. Royster testified Carter awakened him and they returned to the Nite Spot where he dozed off briefly before he joined Carter with Artis to drive to Carter's home, about 2:30 a.m. on June 17.

The shootings occurred approximately at 2:30 a.m. on that date. Royster continued he slumped down in the seat of the car "to catch another quickie" which he explained meant he dozed again.

Royster, dressed in a black sweater and trousers with a light gray shirt, was slumped in the witness chair. At this point Judge Larner looked at him and asked if he was "taking another quickie, now?"

The witness replied he wasn't. Judge Larner also asked Royster how many drinks he had "this morning?" Royster answered he "didn't know."

Didn't Recall Times

Continuing, Royster said he returned to the Nite Spot and subsequently was driven home. He testified he never heard any shots and never saw any bullets in Carter's car. Royster said he couldn't remember specific times.

On cross examination by Hull, Royster denied statements Hull read from Grand Jury minutes of last June attributed to him.

Testifying as character witnesses for Artis were Edward

Migliaccio, 34, track coach of Kennedy High School, which previously was Central High School. Migliaccio said Artis was a good athlete and described him as "non violent." Also praising Artis was Mrs. Elfreda S. Van Rensalier, Kennedy High School English teacher; Roger L. Douglas, 539 14th Ave., pastor of the New Christian Missionary Church Paterson which Artis attended.

The defense rested its case at 12:30 p.m.

Henry Ludeman, laundry supervisor at Bergen Pines Hospital, Paramus, was the first state rebuttal witness. He testified Mrs. Anna Mapes 1161 16th Ave., Paterson, was on vacation from June 13 to July 5, 1966 and was not working at the hospital laundry room at the time.

Mrs. Mapes and her daughter, Catherine Mc Guire, testified Carter drove them home shortly before 2:30 a.m. on June 17. On cross examination the women were confronted by statements to police in which they said it was Saturday, June 18, that Carter took them home.

Detective Testifies

Hull also called County Detective Eugene J. Frederick to the stand who testified he visited Mrs. Mapes on May 1 to pick up her pay stub for that week last June. He said when she gave it to him she told him she was paid on June 17 so she had to have been at the tavern that night and Carter took her home on Saturday, June 18.

The final witness was Arthur Bradley Dexter, 22, of 22 Belle Ave., Paterson, the ninth prosecution witness who positively identified Carter and Artis as the men he saw rounding the corner in front of the tavern with a shotgun and pistol in their hands on June 17.

He was recalled by Brown who read the charges still pending against him. They include five charges of armed robbery, one of possessing stolen items, one of car theft and one of escape from Haledon police.

Bradley admitted the charges are still pending against him but denied any promises or guarantees were made to him about the charges if he testified against the defendants.