

Carter, Artis Guilty; To Get Life Sentences

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John Artis, Left, and Rubin Carter After Conviction

Middleweight boxer Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis, former high school track star, were convicted of murder in the first degree yesterday by a jury of eight men and four women.

After deliberating five hours and 35 minutes, the jury returned a guilty verdict with a recommendation of life imprisonment. The pair will be sentenced on June 29 by Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Lerner.

The jury knocked on the door shortly after 5 p.m. indicating it had reached a verdict. The first floor courtroom in the courthouse annex began filling shortly afterwards.

Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave and Artis, 21, of 5 Tyler St were led into the courtroom 5:25 p.m. The half-filled room ringed by special sheriff's deputies and court attendants with several county detectives seated in the rear, remained silent the jury was brought in.

Judge Lerner convened court at 5:34 p.m. and asked Corrus Sullivan, 3 Decker Rd Wanaque, the foreman, if a verdict had been reached.

Speaks Softly

Sullivan, in a soft voice said, continuing slowly, "on all three counts of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for life imprisonment. It was 5:35 p.m.

As soon as the word "guilty" was said, Carter's wife, Norma, began screaming. Court attendants rushed to her side. It took five court attendants approximately two