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Decision Reserved On Murder Appeals

TRENTON — The New Jersey Supreme Court reserved decision yesterday on the appeals of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter and John Artis, both of Paterson, from murder convictions and directed the Passaic County prosecutor's office to produce additional information within seven days.

The two were convicted in May, 1967, of committing a triple murder at the Lafayette Bar & Grill, 428 E. 18th St., Paterson, in June, 1966.

The Supreme Court was insistent that more detail was needed with regard to conflicting statements of denial taken by the police from Carter and Artis. Statements were introduced in evidence and the court wanted a digest of what was said and how the matter was handled before acting on the appeals.

The problem appeared to be whether admission of the statements into evidence had improperly jeopardized the two defendants.