

JOHN SNOWDEN STILL PROTESTS INNOCENCE

Negro Held For Brandon Murder in Baltimore Jail

EVIDENCE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL

And Doubt of Conviction in First Degree Is Expressed - Opinions In Case Differ

John Snowden, the negro, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Lettie May Hamilton, of her home here on August 8, is still locked up in the Baltimore City jail awaiting the action of the Anne Arundel county authorities.

Marshal Carter announced about a week ago that so far as he was concerned he was through with Snowden, and that he intended holding the negro until the Anne Arundel county authorities advised him and they were ready to bring him back to Annapolis for trial.

Snowden probably will be tried at the October term of the court unless a change of venue is asked. If the police are unable to get an additional evidence against Snowden, it is not likely that he will be convicted of first degree murder, for while the evidence against him is damaging still it is of the most circumstantial nature.

Since Snowden was taken to the Baltimore City jail he has maintained the same demeanor when making his motions after his arrest and while he was held at Police Headquarters and the Central Police Station, Baltimore. He still declares that he is innocent.

Here in Annapolis there is a wide divergence of opinion as to the innocence or guilt of Snowden of the horrible crime. The authorities say they have much evidence which, while it is entirely circumstantial, is very strong. Many persons about the city still hold to the belief that no negro had any connection with a tragedy committed under such circumstances.