

MAKES SNOWDEN QUAIL

Negro Implicated By Him In Brandon Case Faces Prisoner.

POLICE CONTINUE GRILLING

Trapped In Lie After Lie, The Accused Becomes Defiant, But Still Denies His Guilt.

After repeated denials that he was in the neighborhood of the home of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, who was murdered in her home on Second street, Annapolis, one week ago yesterday, John Snowden, alias "Scoops," the negro ice-wagon driver charged with the crime, admitted to Marshal Carter, Deputy Marshal House and Headquarters Detectives Kratz and Pohler last night that he was in the areaway of the Brandon home shortly after noon of the day the woman's body was found.

For three hours last night Snowden was grilled by Deputy Marshal House. Snowden developed an air of defiance, and plainly showed that he has had previous business with policemen and courts of law. The police regard him as a quick-witted, stubborn negro, not easily tripped in his denials and explanations. He is of powerful build, and at times talked quickly.

Trapped In Several Lies.

By two witnesses, however, it was proved by Deputy Marshal House that Snowden had lied in previous statements concerning his movements on the day of the murder.

"We have trapped Snowden in a number of lies," said the Deputy Marshal, "and I believe that in less than 24 hours we will have the full story of the killing of Mrs. Brandon.

"The negro's first attempt at defense was to implicate another negro. Asked the name of the man he said he saw near the Brandon home he told us the man's identity and was positive about it. He even identified this negro when he was brought face to face with him. Now, as a matter of fact, the negro accused by Snowden was five miles from the scene of the crime and at work on the farm of John H. Wagner.

This negro was John H. Green. He was brought to this city last night, and he made a frank statement to the police. Before he was brought here to face Snowden, Detectives Kratz and Dougherty had interviewed the men with whom he was working on the day of the murder.

Quails Before Other Negro.

Snowden had no knowledge of this investigation, and when Green was brought into Marshal Carter's office, Snowden identified him as the man he saw on Second street. Green looked squarely at Snowden, but the prisoner did not return the look. He merely stammered and could not explain why he had implicated Green.

Green and Edna Wallace, colored, were brought here by the detectives and Deputy Sheriff Lee of Annapolis. Snowden lived at Edna Wallace's home, and when he was first questioned he said that he was home all day. Last night he admitted that he left her house shortly before noon on Wednesday and did not return until about 1 o'clock.

Scratches Strong Evidence.

The best welded links in the chain of circumstantial evidence against Snowden are the unmistakable scratches on his face and arms. When questioned about them last night he declared that Edna Wallace had scratched him when he was "fooling" with her.

The Wallace woman, who has been held in jail in Annapolis since Monday night, was brought before Snowden. The negro attempted to move his chair toward her, but Marshal Carter seized him and placed him several feet from the woman. Snowden, for the first time during the examination became nervous, and gradually tried to turn his head toward the woman in an effort to meet her eyes. This was frustrated.

The negress declared that she did not scratch Snowden, and that she first noticed the scratches when he returned to the house about 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. She said Snowden was sitting on the back door stoop, and when he turned his face toward her she asked him where he got the scratches. The negro replied that his face was not scratched, but she insisted that it was.

Cool When Body Was Found.

According to the negress, Snowden remained in the house until late Wednesday afternoon, when he went to the front porch. She said they were sitting on the porch about 5.30 o'clock, when they heard several persons talking about Mrs. Brandon being found dead. Questioned closely about Snowden's attitude, the woman was positive that he showed little interest in the excitement and that he did not leave the porch.

Snowden admitted that what Edna Wallace said was true.

"Why did you say that Edna scratched you?" sharply asked Marshal Carter, but Snowden did not answer.

Snowden was also questioned about the crumpled \$1 note that he tendered in payment for a drink of liquor in an Annapolis saloon. He said he had carried the money with him from his home.

Died Of Shock, Autopsy Shows.

The autopsy performed upon Mrs. Brandon's body in the Emergency Hospital at Washington Tuesday night proved that she died from shock. Her scalp was cut, but the skull was not fractured. Photographs of the body in possession of the police plainly show the bruises on her legs, and where the fingernails of her assailant sunk into her throat.

Headquarters Detective Dougherty was present at the post-mortem examination, which was made by four surgeons. Five of Mrs. Brandon's fingernails were removed. Under the nails were found, according to the surgeons, particles of a negro's skin. Two hairs were found to have been scratched off with the skin. The skin when examined under a microscope, according to Dougherty, could be plainly seen to be the cuticle of a negro.

The climax of Snowden's grilling came when Deputy Marshal House recounted to Snowden the many lies he had been trapped in, how he had been seen at the Brandon home, and how he looked up and down the street when he emerged from the areaway leading to the Brandon home.

"I jes stopped to look, that's all. I wasn't in the house. I was jes between the two houses," cried the negro.

Snowden told the deputy marshal that he didn't want to go back to Annapolis if he could stay in Baltimore. He was taken to the Central Police Station and put under guard. According to Marshal Carter, a final attempt will be made to "break" Snowden today.

ANNAPOLIS OPINION DIVIDED

Many Persons There Still Doubt
Negro Killed Mrs. Brandon.

Annapolis, Aug. 17.—Opinions of the officials and residents of Annapolis differ as to the guilt of John Snowden, the negro arrested in the Brandon case, and many feel that he will not confess. Some go so far as to say that he is not guilty and hold to the first theories that someone better acquainted with the home of the Brandons than the negro committed the murder.

States' Attorney Nicholas K. Green said that, in his opinion, the case was still in doubt. He added that if he had sufficient evidence against the negro he would not hesitate a moment to assert that he is guilty. He admitted, however, that the circumstantial evidence indicated that Snowden was guilty.

Mayor James S. Strange said that he had not been convinced that the negro committed the crime, while Sheriff Sullivan was inclined to think Snowden guilty.