

NET CLOSING ON SNOWDEN

Police Believe He Will Be Convicted Of Brandon Murder.

STILL DENIES HIS GUILT

Detectives Spend Day In Annapolis Checking Up Negro's Statements And Following Clues.

"Despite the fact that John Snowden, the negro we have under arrest on the charge of murdering Mrs. Lottie May Haislup Brandon, at Annapolis, has not confessed, I feel that Detectives Dougherty, Kratz and Pohler are winding about him a chain of circumstantial evidence that will convict him," said Marshal of Police Carter yesterday. Marshal Carter was talking in the presence of Deputy Marshal House, who expressed the same opinion. But neither the Marshal nor Deputy Marshal, when asked the direct question whether or not they believed Snowden guilty, would make the positive statement that they were convinced he was.

Marshal Carter stated that Detectives Dougherty, Kratz and Pohler were at Annapolis all day investigating the statements of Snowden as to his whereabouts on the day of the murder. The police authorities said they had found that the negro made many false statements.

"All I will say," said Marshal Carter, "is that we have damaging evidence against Snowden, despite his protestation of innocence."

Running Down Other Clues.

Many other clues that the detectives have as to the possibility of another than Snowden being involved in the case are being run out by the detectives. It was stated yesterday that the detectives did not expect to finish their investigation until Monday.

"We feel by that time we will be able to tell the public who killed Mrs. Brandon," said Marshal Carter.

Snowden was not questioned yesterday by Marshal Carter. He is in jail and yesterday he ate but little, asking frequently for coffee. Warden Bernard J. Lee refused to allow anyone other than police officials to talk with the negro.

Deputy Marshal House, in talking of the possibility of Snowden's guilt, stated that while the negro had not confessed, he either was guilty or knew more about the murder than he had told to the police of Annapolis and detectives of Baltimore.

Negresses' Statement Damaging.

Snowden, Marshal Carter and Deputy Marshal House stated, admitted that on the morning of the murder he did not work; that he passed the Brandon house, stopping for a minute and turning about, apparently to see if anyone was in the neighborhood. Marshal Carter said he believed that Snowden went into the Brandon home. Snowden denies this, stating that he continued up the street to Martin's saloon, which is on the corner.

The police say he has made many conflicting statements and that they would make him out "a liar" before the case comes to trial. The two colored women, who live directly opposite the Brandon home, told the police and State's Attorney Green that they saw Snowden come from the Brandon house shortly before noon on the day of the murder.

"Snowden will have to explain this," said Deputy House, "to our satisfaction."

Marshal Carter said that there are other phases of the case which are being investigated. He said no one had been eliminated, but that the police had a strong case against the negro.
