Ex-lover testifies against girlfriend

Convicted after he tells of struggle over kitchen knife

A 30-year-old woman was found guilty, Wednesday, of stabbing to death a man who sought to disarm her during an argument she was having with her boyfriend.

She is Miss Marie Hawkins, alias Marie Desantos, who was convicted of manslaughter in the death of Jeff Scott, 40, who was a roomer in the house in the 900 block Hubbard Ct., where the woman and her boyfriend lived.

It was the boyfriend, Garland Long, 37, however, a state's witness, who gave the most damaging testimony against Miss Hawkins, as Judge Joseph R. Byrnes sentenced her to two years in the Reformatory for Women.

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LONG TOLD the jurist in Criminal Court that at about 8 a.m., on May 14, the day of the stabbing, he, Miss Hawkins and some friends held a drinking party in the backyard of the Hubbard Ct. house.

Among the participants, Long said, was Jack Wingfield of the 1200 block E. Master St. When they ran out of refreshments, Long testified, he and Wingfield left to get some more to drink.

When they returned, he said, Miss Hawkins accused him of having been out with other men.

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THEY WERE arguing in the kitchen and Scott was standing in the doorway.

"Scott kept pointing to Marie's hand," Long said, "but I paid it no attention, until he said she had a kitchen knife."

Long said that Scott grabbed the woman, took the knife from her and shoved her into a chair. Scott then broke off the blade of the knife and sat on the steps.

"I got the knife," Long quoted Scott as saying to the woman, "but you stabbed me."

When Scott began to speak again, Long testified, he keeled over and fell to the floor. Miss Hawkins then put the knife blade in the stove, the former boyfriend told the court.

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AN AUTOPSY revealed that Scott who was pronounced dead at Johns Hopkins Hospital, had been stabbed three times.

Miss Hawkins, a native of Norfolk, Va., who pleaded not guilty, said that she and Long argued when he insisted on going with Wingfield to sell a piece of steel that had been stolen from an oil company where the men were employed.

When they returned, Miss Hawkins said, she began to berate Long for taking a chance on going to jail.

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MISS HAWKINS quoted Scott as saying: "If you were my woman, I'd put nine feet of foot to you."

Scott, she said, just a few weeks before had broken his girlfriend's arm.

The woman said that Scott grabbed her about the throat and began twisting her arm. She testified that she was afraid he would break it and she grabbed the knife off the sink.

Her testimony was that she did not know Scott had been injured until he took the knife from her and sat on the steps.

In finding the woman guilty, Judge Byrnes said: "It is a sad commentary when people start getting drunk at 8 a.m...."

Joseph Finnerty was defense attorney. Norman Polski and Edward Borgerding, assistant state's attorneys, prosecuted.

Woman is fined in suicide hoax

Claims she wanted to bring mate back

A woman, who faked a suicide and left a note begging for giveness, in an effort to bring back her husband with whom she had an argument, was charged with disorderly conduct at Fine St. Police Court Wednesday and fined $10 and costs.

She was identified by police as Mrs. Dorethea Dallas, who lives on the second floor of a house in the 2300 block W. North Ave. Police, summoned by Vernon Newton of the same address, found Mrs. Dallas lying on the sidewalk near her home. She told them she had just jumped from the second floor.

The woman was rushed to Lutheran Hospital, where, following questioning by police, she admitted she had not jumped from the second floor, but had only faked suicide to try to bring back her husband who is a merchant marine. Police said she was intoxicated.

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THE NOTE written by Mrs. Dallas was found on the first floor of the North Ave. house. It was scribbled in pencil on the inside of a light cardboard box which appeared to have been a container for women's hosiery. The note read:

"To whom it may concern:

"I am very sorry this had to happen, but please forgive me and I too ask God to forgive me also. But there is something I want you to do for me, please. I want you to call this number and tell sister I said goodbye, at MA. 3-3190.

Charles McCracken, occupant of the house, said someone entered during the day and took watches and jewelry valued at $1,850. A small safe on the second floor had been removed to the first floor, but was unopened.

The intruders left a crowbar, tire iron, hammer and stilson wrench at the scene.

Suspect sought in $1,465 theft

Took cash from box in variety store

A man described to police to be about 30 years old is being sought for $1,465 robbery from Klein's Variety Store in the 600 block N. Carrollton Ave., Wednesday.

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THE PROPRIETOR, Benjamin Klein, told police at the Northwestern Station that the suspect took the money, along with money orders and cash, from a cigar box beneath a counter in the rear of the store.

According to Mr. Klein's report, the man entered his store about 2:15 p.m. and asked to see more magazines. The proprietor directed him to the rear of the store to the magazine rack.

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AFTER THE SUSPECT went to the rear of the store, Mr. Klein said he noticed him crouching behind the counter. When he approached the man, the storekeeper said he saw some kind of a weapon under a magazine he was holding.

The robber told him: "Get out of my way," then fled from the store. A check behind the counter revealed the loss of the $1,465, money orders and checks. The amount of the securities was not known.

Police, summoned by Mr. Klein, made a search of the neighborhood but failed to turn up the robber, who was described as five feet, five inches tall, weight about 150 pounds, curly black hair, brown eyes and brown skin. He was wearing a white sport shirt and dark pants.

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MEANWHILE, police are investigating a burglary, which took place Wednesday in the 3100 block W. North Ave.

Charles McCracken, occupant of the house, said someone entered during the day and took watches and jewelry

18 months for man caught in robbery

Staged wild gun battle with police, wounded

Roy A. Briscoe, who staged a wild gun battle with police when they surprised him burglarizing a cleaning establishment, was sentenced to 18 months in the Reformatory, Thursday.

The 20-year-old man came to court on crutches. He was just released from the hospital on June 15. He had been confined there since Feb. 15, the day he fought a losing battle with police.

Lt. Wade Poole said that police went to the Holland Cleaners in the 2100 block Madison Ave., at about 7:30 p.m., after the burglar alarm went off. They surrounded the place.

ABOUT A HALF hour later, the lieutenant said, Briscoe came down the stairs and upon seeing police, dashed back to the second floor.

The policeman said that the reflection from a street light fell on Briscoe hiding between clothes racks.

Briscoe was told to surrender. Lieutenant Poole said that he saw a shiny object in Briscoe's hand and he fired one shot at the suspect. Briscoe screamed and jumped out the second floor window.

ON THE STREET, Briscoe engaged in a gun battle with officers stationed there. He ran 75 feet and collapsed. He suffered a broken hip and a bullet wound of the hand, police said.

At the hospital, Briscoe asked for some pills he had with him. A nurse called police who discovered that the pills were codeine — a narcotic.

The man reportedly told them that he had taken two pills before entering the cleaning establishment.

Judge John T. Tucker gave Briscoe probation without verdict on a narcotics charge. The 18-month sentence was ordered counted from the day Briscoe was hospitalized — Feb. 15.

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