Girls more trouble says mom of 6 boys

have been born to Mr. and Mrs. ... Avondale Rd., Turner Station, Here Mrs. Wood holds her three-week-old boys, Terry and Jerry, as Ronald and Donald, 5 years old look on. The Woods have two boys, Vernon, 8 and Wayne 2. Mr. Wood is a railroad worker.

Memory lapse is cured by police record, pictures

A 35-year-old man with a ... memory so poor he couldn't remember his own name, came to ... post haste when police ... flashed photographs, fingerprints and a nationwide jail record.

Frittie Cleveland Meyer—who first denied that he was a Meyer at all — owned up to his own de phoney in Criminal Court, Thursday, where he was charged with attempted burglary.

The day before, he insisted before Judge Herman M. Moser that he was Robert Johnson, not Meyer, an escaped convict from the Penitentiary.

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HOWEVER, WHEN Preston A. Fairo Jr., assistant state's attorney, produced the undeniable evidence, including the record which dated back to 1939 and covered a half dozen states, the man suddenly remembered everything.

That is he remembered everything but attempting to burglarize the bakery in the 1300 block of Strickland St. at the morning of July 29.

His story was that he had come to the place seeking light to escape a horde of mosquitoes (his theory that "they like the dark.")

Judge Moser didn't take a dim view of the man's tale and imposed a four-year term which is to run partially concurrent with the remaining time Meyer must serve at the Penitentiary where he "walked out" on a prison road gang last July.

Mystery of tapped gas line solved

Slow leaks in a gas main ... never bothered repairmen of the Gas and Electric Co. ... That they can cope with.

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It took the company a week to get at the source of its trouble ... repairmen found it Tuesday at a house in the 2300 block of Chase St.

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CONNECTED to their service pipe they discovered a rubber hose leading into the kitchen of the home.

When confronted with the evidence the owner refused to talk ... In the Northeastern District Court Wednesday, magistrate Charles H. Tinsley still declined to comment as Magistrate ... man Schonfeld ordered the ... held in bail of $500.

The charge: "Making a ... her hose connection from main gas pipe, property of Gas and Electric Company, to house piping supply gas to 2300 block E. Chase St., without passing through a registered meter and with intent to defraud the gas company."

The warrant for Tinsley's arrest was taken out by a gas company official who testified: "This is the first time in my career I have seen anything like it."

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Watts warns pool room man

Sailor held for grand jury in assault case

ANNAPOLIS — Arrested two weeks ago on charges that he raped a 15-year-old white girl on a secluded road, a 20-year-old steward at the Naval Academy was ordered held for action of the grand jury Tuesday.

Bobby George Reed, of the 1000 block McDonough St., Baltimore, was given a preliminary hearing at a closed session conducted by Judge Paul Pitcher of the Mountain Road Court.

He was ordered held without bail pending action of the grand jury. Reed denied that he assaulted the girl in his automobile off Ritchie Highway on Aug. 4.

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THE YOUNG girl reported to police that she was assaulted after she accepted a ride while waiting for a bus near her home at Arnold.

She claimed a sight deficiency prevented her from recognizing that the sailor was colored until after she entered the car.

Reed was arrested at the Naval Academy after a routine check placed him under suspicion. Police said the girl identified the sailor and his automobile.

Police probe inmate's death

Several suspects have been questioned in connection with the fatal stabbing of an inmate at the House of Correction, but up until late Thursday no formal charges had been placed against any of the men.

Melvin K. Johnson, 29, a Baltimore resident, was fatally stabbed Monday shortly before the noon lunch hour. He was taken to the prison hospital where he died half an hour later.

The stabbing took place in the third tier of the west building. After the prisoner's death, the case was turned over to Lt. D. Brooks Meade of the Anne Arundel County Police at Ferndale for investigation.

Johnson was serving a 30 month sentence for larceny.

Mrs. Newman wins divorce

Says husband shunned marriage

Mrs. Arlean Newman of 1306 W. Lanvale St., was divorced from George H. Newman of Ansonia, Conn., here, recently, when she testified that her married name, Rodgers, relatives, said that her husband had just didn't want to be married.

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MRS. WIFE said that the ceremony took place on Feb. 28, 1953 and ended June 11, of the same year. Newspaper men who field the maiden name, Rodgers, relatives, said that her husband had just didn't want to be married.

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JOHN JACKSON, of 1322 N. Fremont St., divorced Mrs. Evelyn Jackson of Lynchburg, Va., on grounds of desertion.

Mrs. Jackson testified that he and Mrs. Jackson were married in 1940. In 1946, he said, Mrs. Jackson took their son and returned to the home of her parents in the Virginia City.

Jackson admitted that he had asked his wife to go there to live with her parents, also, he said, but he refused. She refused to return home to live with him, he added. Ernest Perkins was attorney for Mr. Jackson.

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ALSO WINNING a divorce was Albert Jennings of 605 George St. from Mrs. Marybelle Jennings of Norfolk, Va.

He charged desertion and Mrs. Jennings filed a cross-bill denying the charge and charging that he deserted her. She lost her suit, but her husband was required to pay her lawyer a fee of $75.

Suspend worker on bribe charge

An employee of the Bureau of Sanitation was under suspension this week as the result of a complaint by a grocer that the employee had tried to force him to pay a dollar for the removal of trash from his store.

Charles Kolb, a former policeman who operates a store in the 200 block E. 23rd St., said the alleged shakedown attempt came last Friday when one of the collectors on a trash truck came into his store and said "this is our alley."

Mr. Kolb, who just recently took over ownership of the store, said the man explained that the former owner had been in the habit of paying $1 to the men who collected his trash and garbage.

After refusing to pay any money, Mr. Kolb said the trash crew took some of his trash and left some behind.

He lodged a complaint with William D. Fannon, sanitary engineer for the city, and as a result the collector was suspended, while Mr. Fannon's office conducted an investigation.

Thief with shoes sought by police

Some person in the city should be well equipped with shoes for the time to come, according to a report made to Northwestern District officers on Saturday afternoon.

Sylvester Brown of the 900 block W. Fairmount Ave. told police he parked his delivery truck in the 1100 block Laurens St., and when he returned a few moments later he found someone had disappeared with a carton of shoes valued at $45.

Lost roast brings youth, 18, $25 fine

Arrested by a special officer on duty at Johns Hopkins Hospital when a three-pound cooked roast was reported missing, William Henry Sewell, 18, of the 2100 block E. Chase St., was fined $25 and costs in Northeastern Police Court Thursday.

At a hearing before Magistrate Simon Schonfield, Sewell, a janitor at Hopkins, pleaded not guilty and was placed on probation for one year.

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WEATHER: Friday, cloudy with occasional rain; high in the 80's. Saturday and Sunday, cloudy, with occasional rain becoming increasingly moist and humid.

Baltimore Afro-American

Prayer for Today: Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of faith that longs for miracles when we could write checks for millions, that strikes a match when we could have the sun.

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Gloria Ponders Whether To Try For $32,000

Decision to be made on Monday

- Gloria seeks rest with her kin in W. Va.
- Autograph seekers delay her auto trip

Gloria Lockerman, 12-year-old spelling wizard, has gone off to the country for the next five days to decide whether she should take the $16,000 she has already won on a nationwide television show or try for $32,000.

She left Baltimore by auto Thursday for Gap Mills, W. Va. Accompanying her were her grandparents, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Vivian T. Key and the Key's foster son, Winfield Mack.

The trip was made mainly to give Gloria a rest and to allow her peace and quiet from the curious and well-wishers who have kept the doorbell and telephone busy at their Druid Hill Ave. home ever since she won $16,000 on the "$64,000 Question" program over CBS-TV last Tuesday.

The family will visit Mrs. Key's sister, Mrs. Fay Truss, and participate in the annual Gap Mills homecoming which brings all former residents home for the celebration.

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"WILL GLORIA try for $32,000 next Tuesday?" the AFRO asked the grandmother, who is her chief adviser and who accompanies her to New York for the program.

"We're not sure, now," replied Mrs. Key, gravely. Her voice was tired and she showed the strain of the last few exciting days.

"Last week, you told the AFRO she would go all the way for $64,000.' Have you changed your mind?"

"We don't know now," was her reply as she stepped into the Rev. Mr. Key's 1948 Hudson for the trip to West Virginia.

"We have five more days to decide . . ." she said.

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GLORIA AND her grandparents have been on the go ever since they returned to their Baltimore home from New York at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

"Phone messages, congratulatory telegrams and letters have been arriving hourly. One was a telegram from Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro saying, "The people of Baltimore are proud of you."

Just before leaving for West Virginia, Gloria went to two downtown jewelry stores to pick up gifts.

When an AFRO photographer arrived at the home Gloria was about to board a taxi. When she spied the photographer, she asked him to take her downtown.

In one store, she was gifted with a diamond ring. In another, she received a jeweled watch.

Even while she was in the stores, autograph fans kept her busy so that her return home was delayed for at least a half hour and relatives, who had hoped to start the trip to West Virginia before noon, were delayed until 2 p.m.

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ON THE Tuesday night show before she spelled the $16,000 sentence, Gloria told Announcer Hal March of her busy week. She said: "A lot of people have recognized me, and asked for my autograph."

She also explained that she was particularly pleased that

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Rezar Story Told

Should Gloria Take $16,000 Or Should She Go For $32,000?

- Baltimore wants her to go ahead
- 69 to 21 to continue; 10 undecided

Out of 100 Baltimoreans picked at random, 69 think Gloria Lockerman should go on and try for that $32,000 prize on "The $64,000 Question" show on Tuesday night.

Only 21 of these the AFRO talked to thought that Gloria should quit now with the $16,000 she already has won.

A small minority of 10 was undecided and couldn't say what Gloria should do.

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THE 100 interviewed are listed here with their reactions:

THE QUESTION

Should Gloria try the $32,000 word?

THE ANSWERS

DR. MARTIN JENKINS, president, Morgan State College: "No, she should take the $16,000 she has already won. She is young, and doesn't need too much money and the $16,000 will see her well through college."

MRS. BERTHA STEVENS, 1801 N. Monroe St.: "She should

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AUTOGRAPH FANS have kept Spelling Champ Gloria Lockerman busy this week. Everywhere she has been since Tuesday when she won $16,000 on the "$64,000 Question," CBS-TV show, she has been beseiged by autograph fans. Photo was made Thursday in a downtown Baltimore store.

600 Barre top block; Lee St. 2nd

- Shuter St. 3rd; 2000 Etting 4th
- Myrna Tatum outstanding clean blocker

A total of $1,231.75 was divided among 144 winning blocks Friday morning during the closing exercises of the 21st annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

First prize honors plus a check for $75 went to the Clean Blockers of 600 Barre St., in South Baltimore. Miss Lucy Walker is the captain.

Curiously enough, the second prize was also awarded to a South Baltimore block. The 900 block of Lee St., which faces the winning block against the Russell St.-Washington Expressway.

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A CHECK for $50 was presented Miss Barbara Cooper during the impressive closing exercises held at the Lafayette Courts auditorium.

An East Baltimore block was awarded the third prize. Captain Gerald Talley of the 1600 block Ellsworth St., walked up to claim a check for $35.

A $25 fourth prizecheck went 2000 block Etting St.

Miss Jeanette Rice, captain of the block, was unable to attend the closing ceremony. She had suffered an attack of pneumonia during the final week of the campaign.

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THE FIFTH prize was awarded the 900 block of Shuter St. of which Miss Ella Payne for

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Startling events in life of school principal bared

Attorney writes 26-page brief; awarded $3,000 fee

The last days of Mrs. Cecelia Commors Rezar, veteran Baltimore school principal, were a nightmare to her and her attorney, according to a 26-page brief he filed in Circuit Court this week.

Harold Mitnick, the attorney who is also executor of her estate, enumerated in detail marital difficulties she encountered just prior to her death last May 20.

The court granted him a $3,000 fee for services which, he said, included everything from protecting Mrs. Rezar from beatings by her husband to pleading with Catholic Church authorities for a spot in which to bury her.

Also revealed was her love for the husband, Abdul Rezar, the East Indian to whom she had married in 1926.

Mrs. Rezar started to divorce him in 1951, but changed her mind. She made sure to provide for him in the last days of her life, though she suffered a severe beating at his hands two days prior to her death on May 20, 1955.

(When Mrs. Rezar retired from the school system in 1950, she had completed 40 years as a teacher and principal. She served at Schools No. 102, 116, 118 and 128.)

MR. REZAR is now confined to Crownsville State Hospital, where, thanks to his wife and the attorney, he is the poisessor of a $22,296 fund that will provide for his needs and any wants he might be allowed during his illness.

Mr. Mitnick says in his brief that he served as real estate broker and attorney for Mrs. Rezar, as well as co-committee for the husband and that he received no pay for his services.

Mrs. Rezar, he says, planned that his services would be provided for out of her estate.

But her estate has dwindled down to $444.60. This resulted from recent auction of the chattels in the Rezar home at 2118 Barclay St.

The Barclay St. property is mortgaged and was, through his efforts, prevented from being foreclosed prior to her death. The property, says the lawyer, is dilapidated and vermin and odor ridden.

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THE $22,296 came from the City Retirement Fund, which Mr. Mitnick filed letters to show had first been denied, and was turned over to Mrs. Rezar as beneficiary, after suit against the city was threatened.

A letter from Leo J. Parr of the Employees Retirement System, filed with brief, stated that Mrs. Rezar retired on Sept. 1, 1950 and had received benefits in the amount of $2,742.76 at the time she was trying to arrange a will to take care of her husband.

The letter stated that no benefits were to go to the husband at her death and that she could not then change her option.

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MR. MITNICK said that his exhausting research found that

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IN A NUTSHELL

1. Mrs. Cecelia Rezar, school principal with 40-year service record, died ten days after beating by her husband who left her to lie all night on the floor, lawyer states.

2. Beating followed husband's release from Crownsville State Hospital without knowledge of attorney who had him committed.

3. Cemetery dispute delays burial until body deteriorated.

4. City Retirement Fund denied payment of $22,000 due Mrs. Rezar as pension until threatened with a suit, brief reveals.

5. Cousins entered the Rezar home a day after Mrs. Rezar's death and removed three auto loads of household effects and belongings, attorney charges. Mrs. Rezar had $3,000 in silver and diamonds.

6. Crownsville doctors devote only an average of three and one-half hours a year to each patient, including Mr. Rezar.

D.C. for Gloria going for 32Gs

6-1 vote says she can win it

WASHINGTON

Question: Should Gloria Lockerman try for the $32,000 question or should she stop at $16,000?

VICTOR HOWELL—3534 10th St., NW. I think Gloria should go on with the $32,000 question, because she has been successful so far and I feel she has the knowledge to go further. The questions seem to be getting easier for her now.

DORIS FEATHERSTONE

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What Gloria can win

HOW MUCH WILL SHE HAVE LEFT, AFTER PAYING INCOME TAXES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THE $64,000 QUESTION?

Prize	Taxes	After Taxes
$16,000	$ 4,400	$11,600
$32,000	$13,500	$18,500
$64,000	$36,200	$27,800

Gloria's taxes are high because she is a minor with no dependants.

The AFRO's authority believes there is a possibility of tax deduction provided arrangements can be made for Gloria to receive the funds in installments.

The average $64,000 Question contestant is an adult with wife and two children. On $16,000 he takes home $11,956. On $32,000 he gets $21,220 and on $64,000 he has left $34,460.

Husband, 75, traps wife in love nest

Tea room owner may forgive youthful spouse

PHILADELPHIA

In a love nest raid Monday, 75-year-old Joseph T. Jefferson, a well known Wildwood businessman, confronted his DPA clerk wife, Ethel, and another man.

Mrs. Jefferson and James Chester, both of whom are in their thirties, were caught together in a house on Ninth St. near Dauphin, according to the raiding party, led by Milton Springs, operator of a private detective agency at 1331 N. St.

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DETECTIVE SPRINGS was accompanied by the elderly but spry husband, owner of the Jefferson Tea Room in Wildwood. Constable Carl Slutsky, two uniformed officers from the 31st police district, 28th and York Sts., and a photographer.

Attractive Mrs. Jefferson and Chester, a general contractor, were surprised after they had retired to the bedroom they were sharing, the raiders said.

Photographs taken during the raid show two forms with bed clothing covering their heads.

Mrs. Jefferson works for the Department of Public Assistance.

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CHESTER DRESSED and washed up at the kitchen sink before going with the officers who took the couple to the 28th and York Sts. police station.

Both he and Mrs. Jefferson were held each in $500 bail for the grand jury at a hearing in the office of Magistrate Harry J. Elitch, 2029 N. 22nd St., the following day.

Although Mr. Jefferson supposedly staged the raid for the purpose of obtaining divorce evidence, his attorney, Arthur C. Thomas, told The AFRO on Monday that his client might reconsider and be reconciled with his wife.

Mrs. Jefferson, who has been separated from her husband for several months, and Chester are represented by Robert N. C. Nix.

You should know that

By JOHN JASPER

Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom is one of the best story tellers the AME church ever produced.

He recalls some years ago that Paul Laurence Dunbar, the poet, visited his home in Chicago when Mrs. Ransom was cooking a pot of chitterlings.

Dunbar left and came back later with a bowl in his hand to plead, "Mrs. Ransom, please give me just one girl."

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Bishop Ransom recalls that when Dunbar issued his first book, "Oak and Ivy," he did not have the money to pay the printer. He got the man to advance Dunbar 100 copies on Saturday with a promise that he would bring him $100 on Monday.

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BISHOP RANSOM, then pastoring in Dayton, introduced Dunbar to his congregation after the services and quickly sold each

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Winning captain says 'it's wonderful'

"It's wonderful!"

That was the two-word joyful expression of 15-year-old Lucy Walker, AFRO Clean Block captain of the 600 block Barre St., upon learning that she and her Clean Blockers had captured the first prize in the 21st annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

Lucy, a ninth grade student at Sollers Point High School, Turner Station, disclosed that because they didn't enter the campaign until the first week in July, her Clean Block crew made up for lost time by starting their cleaning chores at 6 a.m.

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REFUSING TO take credit for their achievement, Lucy, showing the true marks of leadership, named her helpers as being responsible for the block's striking appearance.

Fourteen-year-old Ronald Dixon, a Harvey Johnson Junior High School student, made window boxes to decorate every house in the block as well as frames to enclose the newly-dec-

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Elks $24,000 In Red

Secretary places payroll at $78,000

ATLANTIC CITY (NNPA) — William C. Hueston, Elks grand secretary, Wednesday reported to the 56th annual grand lodge session of the Elks a deficit of $24,214 in the grand lodge year ending July 31.

According to Mr. Hueston's annual report, total collections for all departments of the Elks amounted to $206,679 and disbursements totaled $230,884.

Mr. Hueston reminded the delegates that there was a deficit a year ago and that Robert H. Johnson, grand exalted ruler, and other officers called attention to it.

"We, of course, are running a big business," Mr. Hueston said.

"We are paying for the John Brown Farm out of income without increasing the assessments of the grand lodge," he said, adding:

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"OUR PAYROLL is taking quite a sum of money and now we are committed to a foundation fund, and we want to go forward in support of your grand exalted ruler in this effort."

He said "nothing will increase the standing of the grand lodge in the minds of the people as will the John Brown Shrine."

Salaries of grand lodge officers, Mr. Hueston reported, total $78,500. Money paid to delegates at annual conventions for mileage and per diem and services on grand lodge committees in the past several years

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Another Milestone

By 1940 the AFRO had reached the total sales figure of 104,000 copies for all editions. The Washington, Richmond and Philadelphia sales in Baltimore had reached 24,400 copies.

The Five Star Tuesday paper was growing fast. Total sales reached 6,213 compared to 4,512 the year before. Joe Louis became world's heavyweight boxing champion.

More and more families became dependent upon their carriers to deliver the AFRO to them every Tuesday and Friday.

Today 60,000 buy the AFRO each week because of home delivery.

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GI Strangles Wife

Infant son asleep in nearby crib

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

Airman 2/c Lewis was arraigned in Municipal Court, Thursday afternoon, on a charge of murder in the strangulation death of his wife, Wednesday night.

He was ordered held without bond, pending a coroner's inquest. An autopsy report revealed that his wife was an expectant mother.

WASHINGTON

While her sick baby son slept not far away, a young Washington matron was strangled to death in her home Wednesday night.

She was Mrs. Florence D. Lewis, 21, of 3900 block C St., SE.

Her husband, Airman 2/c William H. Lewis, 24, of Bolling Air Base, surrendered to police early Thursday morning after a suicide attempt failed, homicide detectives said.

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NEIGHBORS IN the apartment house where the couple lived, said that Lewis was "jealous" and quarreled often with his wife.

Police described him as suspecting his wife of being interested in another man.

"Take care of my son, the Airman wrote in a suicide note found near his wife's body in the C St. apartment.

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THE NOTE was discovered by Privates John H. Bonaparte and Howard F. Shorter of Precinct 14.

They were riding in a patrol wagon around 5 a.m. Thursday when Airman Lewis hailed them.

"I've just killed my wife," he was reported as saying.

The officers went with him to his second story apartment in the DuPont Housing project where Mrs. Lewis' body was found just inside the door.

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THE COUPLE'S son, about 13 months, was asleep in his crib. He was taken to D.C. General Hospital where a spokesman from the Women's Bureau stated that the baby was admitted as a patient with a liver disorder.

"The baby was obviously ill," the Women's Bureau spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Lewis was taken to Precinct 14 and then to police headquarters. Homicide Detective Bernard E. Crook was assigned.

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