# Girls 'Must Make Instant Complaint' Of Attack

## 'Race' was queston; blond freed

"There is a question about the race of this girl."

**Ellis Levin attorney, was referring to the prosecuting witness in a rape case which started in Criminal Court before Judge E. Paul Mason Tuesday afternoon.**

The defense counsel brought up the question about the 20-year-old girl's race while reading from a medical report which listed her as white. He said a question mark followed the racial identification with a notation,

"Says she's colored."

The victim, a fair, freckled faeed girl with a blonde streak in her brown hair, identified herself as 'colored' from the witness stand.

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**JERRY WOLFE,** 22, 3100 block Bancroft Rd., a door-to-door salesman for the Lincoln Shoes and Clothing Store, 580 N. Gay St., pleaded not guilty to raping the girl on Oct. 13 and striking her on Oct. 19.

The victim testified that Mr. Wolfe criminally attacked her at the point of a gun after forcing her into a house in the 2300 block of Charles St.

**She said she met Mr. Wolfe when he was collecting for another store about a year ago. On the night of the alleged attack, she said, Mr. Wolfe came to her W. North Ave. home where she was living.**

The prosecuting witness testified that she accompanied Mr. Wolfe to the shoe and clothing store to open an account after her alleged common - law husband agreed to to it.

Mr. Wolfe made two stops en route to the store, according to the witness, and when they arrived there he told her that it was too late to open an account that day.

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**THE GIRL SAID** the defendant told her at the store "He had a couple of friends who wanted to me a favor." At this point, she continued, she asked him to take her back home.

**According to the witness, when they got back in the Car Mr. Wolfe demanded, "What are you doing living with that n...." She said she told him, "I'm not white."**

She related that he drew a revolver and forced her into a Charles St. House. The witness testified that after the attack Mr. Wolfe warned, "If you tell anyone 'I'm going to kill you."

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**THE GIRL** said the defendant put her out of the car at Franklin and Carey Sts. She said she took a taxi home and told the story to the man she lived with.

"He told me not to call the police and that he would get Jerry," the girl said.

**The witness stated that Mr. Wolfe telephoned her house and told her he knew she had told about the alleged attack She said on Oct. 19 the defendant returned to her home and when she opened the door to see who was there "he pushed it open an slapped me down" and left.**

The following morning the girl said she went to Northwestern District and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Wolfe.

Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte, of the Northwestern District, was called as a defense witness when the case resumed Wednesday morning.

"On the morning of Oct. 20 the young woman gave a complaint of assault," Sergeant Whyte said. "The complaint of rape came later.

**The policewoman related that on Nov. 7 she and another officer took the girl to the 2200 block of Charles St. and the prosecuting witness direced them to a house where the alleged attack took place but they found nothing conclusive.**

Mr. Wolfe denied from the witness stand that he raped or assaulted the girl.

The defendant said, however, that on Oct. 13 he took the young woman to the Lincoln Shoes and Clothing Store after she agreed to accompany him on a boat trip.

He said this was done with the consent of the girl's common law husband. Mr. Wolfe told the court that when they arrived at the store Joel Levin, his employer, said the young woman could not accompany them on the over-night fishing trip.

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**MR. WOLFE** said he first learned that the prosecuting witness was about to charge him with rape when he received a telephone call from her friend.

"I talked to her and told her, 'You'd better get that man straight," the defendant said.

He stated that when the young woman inferred that he attacked her "I called her a d... liar and hung up."

Mr. Wolfe admitted having an affair with the girl with her consent.

"How did this relationship come about?" he was asked by Norman Polski, assistant State's attorney.

**"I'm a single boy and she's not a bad looking girl," he answered.**

Joel Levin stated that when Mr. Wolfe was told about the boat trip the young man spoke of bringing a girl along. He said the other employees "kidded" the defendant along.

**However, Mr. Levin testified that when Mr. Wolfe showed up with the young woman" I told her we were all marrie dand we weren't interested in anything like that so I gave her five dollars and told Jerry to take her home.**

"Why did you feel compelled to give this girl five dollars?" demanded Mr. Polski.

"I knew why Jerry brought her down there," answered Mr. Levin. "I didn't feel compelled to give her the money but I thought it was the decent thing to do."

Other witnesses whose testimony conflicted with the girl's as to why she was at the store on Oct. 13 were Howard Buckman and Milton Eddleman, both employed there.

In finding the defendent not guilty of both charges Wednesday, Judge Mason said, "I am serving notice on the girls now, if they want rape to stand up in this court they had better make instant complaints."

MRS. JAMES WHITE AND SONS
*Two of 13 fatherless children . . .*

## Eastern Stars told obligation to 'God, County and Order'

"Here is as intelligent and dedicated a group of women as can be found anywhere.

"You have a sworn obligation to place the interests of God, your country and your order above every other consideration."

**Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, made this statement in his address Tuesday before the two-day annual session of Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in Baltimore.**

The address was the highlight of the closing session of the convention which attracted over 500 Eastern Stars from throughout Maryland, from Washington, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

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**NEW OFFICERS** elected during the busy two-day meeting were:

Mrs. Mary Jones, Havre de Grace, Grand Worthy Matron; Ronald C. Reid, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Edith A. Mosby, Grand Associate Matron; Luther Martin, Grand Worthy Patron;

Mrs. Helen Smothers, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Olivia Bates, Grand Associate Conductress. Mrs. Florence L. Carpenter was accorded Past Grand Matron's honors.

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**THE CONVENTION** program started with worship services at First Baptist Church. Business session opened Monday at the Masonic Temple.

**In his speech, delivered during the closing session at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Dr. Murphy told the delegates and visitors:**

"I have just counted the number of men and women registered in the AFRO's 110 key precincts in Baltimore City and you know what — the colored women outnumber the men."

He showed that in 110 predominantly colored precincts, there are 31,964 colored men registered and 32,227 colored women. Women therefore constitute 50.2 per cent of the voting strength in those areas.

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**"WOMEN HAVE** had the vote only some 30 years," Dr. Murphy said. "Men have been voting for 90 years and already you women are ahead of us.

"So I repeat.

**"When you are in the majority, you are expected to take charge.**

**"Are you women going to take charge in politics when you have a majority?"**

He then concluded: "Registration, voting, taking charge of the precincts in which colored voters predominate are the ways in which you serve your country.

"You cannot yield this responsibility to others."

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**"SAYING THAT** a woman who sets her mind to it can do almost any job as well as a man, Dr. Murphy stated:

**"If it was a woman who put man out of paradise, it is still woman and woman only who can lead him back."**

Many Masonic and Eastern Star officials were among the more than 500 delegates and visitors attending the sessions. Among them were:

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**E. JERRY WILLIAMS,** Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Naomi Julius, Grand Worthy Matron; Willard Allen, Grand Master; Lawrence Mason, Past Grand Patron, Mrs. Fannie E. Gilles, Past Grand Matron;

Also the following Past Grand Patrons and Matrons:

**John H. Darrs, Mrs. Evelyn H. Cole; Mrs. Lillie E. Butler, Mrs. Gladys W. Dixon, Alfred A. Dixon, Samuel H. Johnson, Mrs. Mamie E. Kennard, Joseph Ayers, Charles W. Manns;**

Also Past Grand Patrons and Matrons: Gregory Hawkins, Mrs. Cassie Gaskins, J. Leo Jones, Robert Chase, Mrs. Alice Dansberry; Rosa B. Ruffing, Anna Johnson, Beatrice Hollis, Joseph Johnson, Walter Beckett, J. E. Dyson, all of Maryland.

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**OFFICIALS FROM** Washington were: Mrs. Evelyn L. Thomas, Grand Worthy Matron; Sylvester A. Mason, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Lula Lewis, international Grand Matron; Mrs. Vera S. Hawkiss, Associate Matron. E. W. Weems, Associate Patron.

Other officials were: Mrs. Rosa Ruffin, Grand Worthy Matron, Delaware; Mrs. Alma P. Williams, Grand Worthy Matron, New Jersey; Mrs. Carrie F. Parker, Grand Worthy Matron, Pennsylvania.

**HERE SUNDAY—Miss Pauli Murray, author of the new book, "Proud Shoes," who will speak in her native Baltimore on Sunday at the monthly open house from 4 to 6 p.m., at Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston St.**

## 'We fought for the same thing

"I'm angry; very angry.

"I'm an American and a veteran. I fought with colored men in the war. We fought for the same thing — liberty.

**Tall, blond-haired Andrew Drabic, 33, 1923 Linden Ave. strode into the AFRO offices Monday morning and made these statements.**

"What would happen," Mr. Drabic continued, "if someone tried to give us back to England after the war we fought for our independence? Well, there was a bloody war between the north and the south, because Mr. Lincoln said that all people should be free.

"How then, can any state say that they will not allow colored people to sit on the busses any place they want to?

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**"CAN ANY LITTLE** state say it will not obey the Supreme Courtu They defied the laws and the court said are right and more important they have defied God.

"We are almost ready to go to war to defend Hungary's right to freedom. What happened to the law of freedom in the south? Should it not be defended first?

**"I spent a lot of time in the south and I got the worst beating in my life for walking down the street in Georgia with a colored fellow.**

"Everbody, with convictions like mine, should get together and raise a louder and louder cry."

Mr. Drabic left the office and headed in the direction of the offices at Biddle and McCulloh Sts.

**THERE'S A' LUCKY picture in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. If your head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out.**

## Mayor cites nursemaid who lost life in rescue attempt

ANNAPOLIS—"There's no question about it—she died trying to save the girl."

Mayor Arthur G. Ellington of Annapolis made the above statement Monday as he issued a proclamation in recognition of the heroism of 21-year-old Miss Isabel Russ Chapman, who was drowned last Thursday in a vain attempt to rescue a two-year-old child.

The child was Patricia Louise Caple, the daughter of Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Edward S. Caple of Admiral Heights, Miss Chapman's employers. She was drowned when she fell off a bank and into a creek near her home.

In his proclamation Mayor Ellington said that "an outstanding act of personal heroism was performed . . . when a 21-year-old nursemaid lost her life by drowning in a courageous attempt to save her infant charge."

He urged that "all possible aid and comfort be given to the surviving family of this young woman who gave her life in an outstanding example of heroism."

## Fathers of 13 buried; car victims

Funeral services were held or are scheduled for three fathers of 13 children who lost their lives in highway accidents over the weekend.

**Rites were conducted on Thursday at 2 p.m. at St. James AME Church in Havre de Grace for Edward Hawkins, 26-year-old father of 4 children of 2942 Carver Rd.**

Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery. Mr. Hawkins was a veteran who saw service in Korea and Japan.

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**HE WAS KILLED** when the auto in which he was riding collided with an abutment on Highway 40. He was employed at the Social Security office.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Hawkins and the four children, William, Debo-

**Driving the car in which Mr. Hawkins was killed was a co-worker, James Rountree, 1554 Moreland Ave., who was also killed.**

Funeral services for him were held on Thursday in Grifton, N.C. He is survived by his wife and 4 children. They are Mrs. Hattie and James and Franklin, Elmis and Regina.

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**THE THIRD** auto victim, Robert White of 1415 Dukeland Street when the auto he was driving went out of control on near Powder Mill.

**A passenger in his car, Andrew Washington, who was George's Hospital in Cheverly on Wednesday.**

Funeral services for Mr. White, an oil company employee, are scheduled for Satuday at 1 p.m. at the Whitestone Baptist Church, 3001 W. Baker St., with the Rev. E. W. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairfield, officiating.

Serviving him are his wife, Mrs. Mary, and five children. They are James, William, Nathaniel, Wilmer and Jacquelyn.

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**A FOURTH** auto victim, Thomas G. Collins, Jr., was killed Sunday afternoon when he lost control of his car six miles south of Cambridge, Md.

**Mr. Collins was single. He is surfived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collins.**

Funeral services for him were held at the Leon Henry with the Rev. Van Wright officiating.

## 'Willie got worst end of it'–judge

"I'd be almost inclined to believe that it was a draw, except that Willie got the worst end of it."

**This was the opinion of Judge E. Paul Mason in finding Mrs. Anne May Hopkins, 44, 1000 block N. Dallas St., guilty of common assault and assessing the penalty at a fine of $15 and costs.**

Mrs. Hopkins was charged with assault to murder Willie Tucker, 36, during a fight in their home on Oct. 15.

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**OFFICER** Lewis Taylor, Northeastern District, said when he arrived at the house to investigate a disturbance reported by neighbors he found Mr. Tucker on the bed with a broken left leg, a gash on the top of his head and wounds of the hands and arms.

"It was quite evident that they had been drinking," the officer said.

## 'Dead heats' featured in week's Newstip race

Two callers this week vie for "tiptop tipster" honors and get awards of $5 each. They are the persons who called immediately on: One of three fathers killed in auto accidents last weekend, and the "peacemaker" who was shot outside a popular club.

**There's a tie for second-place honors, too, with $3.50 each being paid for the following tips: Pimlico bus riders routed by knife-wielder, and the accident at Chase and Bond Sts. where the driver survived a headlong plunge through the windshield.**

A triple dead heat developed for third place also. Two dollar checks go out for the following tips: the mysterious freshly-dug grave in Catonsville; the teenaged girl involved in a case with three blond youths, and the Morgan professor who became ill.

Last but not least in importance is the $1 award for the tip on the man shot in the 1500 block Monument St.

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**REMEMBER,** A total of $50 each week is set aside for Newstips and News photos. When you see an event of interest occurring, just call the AFRO City Desk and say: "I've got a Newstip."

**The money for News photos is going begging—you camera fans had better get the old Brownie out and start snapping pictures of various events. Remember, it doesn't have to be a front page picture to merit a Newspix award.**

Any event of general news interest, taken by an amateus or professional photographer, can qualify. Bring your Newspix to the city desk.

Newstip numbers are MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812, and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811 or RI. 4-0508.

## 'He looked deep into my eyes . . .'

"He looked deep into my eyes and said 'for $45 I can help you'

**"I told him I was a police officer. He said, 'I knew it."**

In Southwestern Police Court Monday afternoon, that's what Patrolman Junior Chambers said as he placed before Magistrate Howard L. Aaron, a tattered Bible, three spray guns used to "drive out evil spirits," smelling perfume from the far East.

**"ALL THIS** was taken from the home of Kelly L. Johnson your honor.

When I told him about my family troubles: he agreed to help me. We brought him in for telling fortunes.

"People had been complaining about him" Officer Chambers declared.

**FINED** $100 and costs, not even "The Seven Keys of Wisdom Powder" found among the 29-year-old prophet's effects saved him from being ordered to, "get out of the Southwestern District."

**Sergeant Vincent Serio testified that he sent Officer Chambers to the "Prophet's" home in the 800 block W. Fayette St., on two occasions.**

Both times he stated, Johnson asked for money and gave the officer a package of powder to "win back your wife."

On the second visit the officer was accompanied to the "Prophet's" home by his "troublesome wife," (Policewoman Marion Crawford) who was told, "whenever you feel evil spirits coming on sprinkle this powder around the room. It will keep the men away."

Asked by Magistrate Aaron if he really believed in any of the powders the slim young man replied, "they dominate according to the spirit."

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### Police killings in Baltimore this year

**APRIL 19, 1956** — Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

**JUNE 25, 1956** — Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

**JULY 7, 1956**—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

**AUGUST 15, 1956** — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1956**—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Ledden. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life" in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

**OCTOBER 15, 1956**—Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

**NOVEMBER 7, 1956**—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

## Body in box 'mystery' in Catonsville

"For a little while it looked like we had something but then we found out that it wasn't what we thought it was."

**This comment from Sgt. James Jones of the Baltimore County police pretty well sums up the attitude of a number of residents in the Catonsville area who on Tuesday thought they had a Grade A mystery on their hands.**

The two principal ingredients were there all right — a freshly dug grave and a body—but as matters turned out there just wasn't enough material for a Grade D thriller for a minor-league Alfred Hitchcock.

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**IT ALL STARTED** early Tuesday when a group of hunters stumbled over the fresh grave in a clump of woods near the end of Winters Lane, just off the Baltimore National Pike.

**Now stumbling over a fresh grave in the woods like that has been known to upset many a man and as soon as the hunters got over the initial shock off they went to notify the police.**

In jig time the police were on the scene spurred on by the possibility that perhaps a deed of some dire nature had been done and after all, it is not the ordinary thing to find a grave out in the woods.

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**IT DIDN'T TAKE** long either for the spectators to gather and their comments while not shedding any light on the matter at hand, were fairly interesting.

**"Maybe it was a gangland killing."**

**"Might be somebody wanted to get rid of a body."**

"Reminds me of a show I saw on TV."

With the police digging in the soft earth it wasn't long before they reached a box and sure enough there was a body, as big as li . . . , well at least there was a body.

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**BUT BEFORE THE** wheels of justice could start turning, a Pennsylvania Ave undertaker was on the scene and informed the police of some interesting statistics.

**First, the woods is part of a new cemetery development that has not been completed. Secondly the man in the box was a welfare case who had been buried as a pauper, and third, everything was in order.**

The grave was closed again and satisfied with this explanation, away went the police, the spectators, and the funeral director.

And such was the mystery of the man in the box, though as the police said.

"For a while it looked like we had something."

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**LEAD PAINT REMOVAL** — After three children were killed earlier this year by lead poisoning, these two workers for the Baltimore City Health Department are burning off coats of lead paint in house where two of the children died, 1800 block W. Fairmount. According to the report of Huntington Williams, commissioner of health, there may "well be 10,000 to 25,000 similar houses."

## Braxton to go on trial Monday in Phelan death

Alvin (Butch) Braxton, 17, 2000 block Baker St., is scheduled to go on trial in Youth Court Monday in connection with the slaying of a Northwestern District patrolman, following an attempted holdup on September 29.

**The youth pleaded not guilty to murder in the fatal shooting of Officer John R. Phelen last month. When asked at criminal arraignment to enter a plea the husky lad said: "Self defense."**

Officer Phelan was killed with his own revolver while he and another policeman were taking Braxton to a hospital after the youth had been wounded in an exchange of gunfire with police.

Braxton is also charged with six cases of assault to murder, two cases of robbery and two of attempted robbery in a series of alleged crimes.

**FOUR OTHER** youths face criminal charges brought to light following the attempted holdup of a North Ave. liquor store and the slaying of the officer.

They are:

Albert H. Braxton, 19, 1900 block of Warwick Ave., brother of Alvin; charged with assault to murder, attempted robbery and robbery;

Roger W. Ray, 21, 800 block N. Payson St., three cases of assault to murder, two of robbery and two of attempted robbery;

Earl C. Pickett, 19, 400 block N. Pine St., assault to murder, three cases of robbery and two of attempted robbery;

Woodrow Williams, 19, 2900 block W. Lanvale St., two cases of assault to murder and one of attempted robbery.

James R. Compton, attorney, will represent Alvin Braxton at the murder trial.

The other four are scheduled to go on trial at a later date.

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