

# ACCUSED NEGRO CONFESSES.

Chambers Or Davis Is Identified By  
His Victim, Mrs. Reid.

WILL MEET SUMMARY PUNISHMENT  
FOR HIS CRIME.

He Was Taken To The Home of His  
Victim Yesterday By Sheriff  
And His Deputies.

The colored man variously known as Edward Davis, Henry Davis Chambers, who has been in jail charged with an assault upon Mrs. John Reid, committed last Friday, was taken before Mrs. Reid yesterday afternoon and was positively identified by her as the man who had assaulted her. The man then made a complete confession, though it has now become known that he practically confessed as early as Sunday last.

The man was returned to the county jail, where he will remain until presented for trial, unless the people of the community attempt and succeed in lynching him. State's Attorney Nicholas H. Green said this morning that while he thought the case should be disposed of as speedily as possible in conformity with law, that the calling of the grand jury or special term of Court rested with the Court. Mr. Green said, however, that it was useless to talk of such a course until the victim recovered sufficiently to appear against Davis. This, at present, is decidedly uncertain, as Mrs. Reid is still in a serious condition and it will be some time before thought of bringing her to Annapolis and putting her under the strain of a trial can be entertained.

The confession of the negro and his identification so far as can be observed outwardly has not increased the excitement or danger of summary justice. Sheriff Linthicum left Annapolis this morning for Baltimore, but it is understood that his visit was purely a personal one and that he still holds to his determination to keep his prisoner in the Annapolis jail. The identification took place at the home of Mrs. Reid and her husband, near Iglehart, the accused having been taken there. He was carried in a closed carriage, with Deputies Rueben L. Smallwood and James Krouse, while Sheriff Linthicum preceded the party in his buggy.

The officials with their prisoner succeeded in leaving the jail without attracting any attention, nor were they in any way molested or threatened during the trip. While the party was at the home of Mr. Reid, Elihu S. Riley, of Annapolis, an acquaintance and the legal adviser of the family, was present, he having called to express his sympathy with the family, in entire ignorance of the fact that the accused was to be taken there. Sheriff Linthicum had not informed either Mr. Reid or his wife of his intended visit, as he did not think it wise in view of the fact that feeling against the man was so strong.