

# Pat Hung Out In Bars Posed Nude, Had Baby At 16

NEW YORK—Pretty Pat Ward, who hung out in bars and night spots, posed in the nude and had a baby at the age of 16, told the story of her downfall in her testimony at the Mickey Jelke trial now in progress.

Pat told Jelke's lawyer, George Washington Herz, that she was 16 years old when she met Skitch Henderson, "once at a rehearsal in the NBC studios . . . He wanted to take me out . . . He gave his telephone number to me."

At the same age, "I went for a drive with Joey Adams." Asked to identify him, Pat said "He was supposed to be a comedian."

Still sweet 16, she met Jack Eigen at Toots Shor's, a restaurant she had been to "possibly" six times, she said. She went out with Hal Tunis, whom she identified as a radio announcer, Pat testified.

## REFUSED MERRITT A DATE

She said she received a phone call from Robert Merritt, who wanted a date with her, but that she refused. It was Merritt who later took her to El Borracho, where she had her first date with Jelke.

"Don't you know that Merritt is a convicted pimp?" Herz asked. "That he is doing time in jail?" Merritt pulled a five-to-10 year stretch in 1953 for prostituting two teen-age girls and two other women, including his wife, Carol Sutton.

"Do you know a character named Miles Leslie?" Herz asked.

"Yes, a few months before Merritt—before Merritt called me."

"Do you know Leslie is in jail for compulsory prostitution?" Herz asked. Pat said she did.

Asked if she went to Toots Shor's with escorts, Pat said, "Sometimes." She next admitted going to the Theater Bar, on 45th St. between Broadway and Eighth Ave., not to drink, but to meet young friends from drama school.

## MET BABY'S DAD AT BAR

Q. Did you testify that Larry Greenbaum is the father of your child? A. Yes.

Q. Where did you meet him? A. The Theater Bar.

Q. How old were you? A. About 16.

Q. How long had you known him before you had intercourse with him? A. I had just met him.

Q. Did you have intercourse the same day you met him? A. Yes.

Q. Was it a pickup? A. I don't remember.

Q. Did you ever go out with Miles Leslie? A. No.

Q. Did you ever go out on dates with men for Miles Leslie? For Larry Greenbaum? A. No.

Q. Did you have sex with Joe Moore? A. I did not.

Moore, identified by Pat as a press agent, had several dates with her, she said. He gave her money when she was pregnant, she testified.

Q. When you had intercourse with Larry Greenbaum, was it with your will or against you will? A. The first time I didn't know about it.

Q. Did you say it was rape? A. Yes.

Q. Did you prosecute Larry Greenbaum for rape? A. No.

Pat, who had testified earlier that she made between \$10,000 and \$15,000 as a vice doll for Jelke, said she never got any money from Greenbaum. Asked if she became pregnant "as the result of dates for money from men you were seeing at the request of Miles Leslie," Pat said lily, "That is not true."

The 21-year-old witness said: "I don't go around asking men for money," when Herz asked her if Moore was the first man who had helped her out financially. After this answer, Herz listed the names of the men she had mentioned who had given her money for "hard luck stories."

## ABOUT HARD-LUCK STORIES

Pat tried to say that she had told those stories because Mickey ordered her to, but Herz made her answer only "yes" or "no" to his questions.

"Did anybody tell you to give Joe Moore a hard-luck story?" Herz asked.

Pat burst into tears, saying "It wasn't a hard-luck story."

She said that she was seven months pregnant when she went to visit her mother's friend, Betty Varas, in Stamford, Conn. She denied telephoning Joe Moore from there, asking for money, but admitted he gave her \$50 when she returned.

"Didn't you tell Joe Moore, 'Unless you give me some money, I'm going to name you the father of the child?'" Herz asked.

"I did not," Pat said. Then, she said, weeping: "I needed it. He felt sorry for me."

## BENEFIT GIVING SOB STORY

Pat said she didn't give Moore a sob story. "I told him the truth. I needed the money. He was the only one I thought I could ask,"



PAT WARD LEAVING COURT

she said. She denied that she had gone out with a married man, alone, while she was pregnant in Connecticut, but said a man identified as "Vincent" had driven her to New York to see her mother.

"Did you receive any money from this man?" Herz asked.

"I paid him back."

"Did you receive any money?"

"I paid him back," Pat shouted.

## TEARS FLOW AGAIN

"How long was it after you met this man that you received this money?" Herz asked.

"How long before he loaned it?" Pat asked. Finally she burst into tears again.

"Did you give him a hard luck story?" Herz asked her.

"I had to go to the doctor," Pat sobbed, and court was adjourned. Pat's baby, born in Manhattan on Nov. 20, 1950, was given out for adoption, Herz said in his opening statement to the jury before Pat's testimony started Tuesday. Her direct examination, by Liebler, took nearly three days.

## JUDGE REPROVES HERZ

Herz wasted no time getting into his cross-examination, and snapped out his first question:

"Do I recall correctly you were crying the first day you took the stand? Were there tears in your eyes?" he asked, over Liebler's objections.

"There will be no more of that, Mr. Herz," Judge Valente interrupted. "The jury saw. They were here."

Q. Do I understand you to say you named all the men with whom you had intercourse during the time you were living with Mickey Jelke? A. As far as I know.

Q. Do you know the total number of men you named? A. I don't know.

Q. Would you say you had sexual relations with 20? With 30? A. I don't know.

## NO INCOME-TAX RETURN

Q. Would you say 100? A. No. I would not.

Q. Would you say 50? A. I don't think so.

Q. Forty? A. I don't think so.

Q. Thirty-five? A. I don't know, Mr. Herz.

Q. During the period you were living with Mickey Jelke, you said you received from men, for acts of prostitution, between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Did you get that money from the men you named? A. Yes.

Q. Incidentally, did you file an income tax return in 1951-52 for working as a prostitute? A. No.

Next Herz wanted to know how Pat "refreshed" her memory about the monies she was paid as Mickey's alleged dollar-doll. He wanted to know if she kept notations of the transactions.

"With Ben Lewis you said you had no sex," Herz said. "Did you include that \$500 that you received from him in the \$10,000 you received for acts of prostitution?"

"Possibly," said Pat.

"Do you have any idea of how much you received for committing acts of prostitution?" Herz insisted.

"No, I do not," the witness finally admitted.

## VAGUE ABOUT FIRST JOB

Herz wanted to know about Pat's first job, and expressed astonishment that she couldn't recall it exactly. She said she once worked as an usherette in a movie, but her first real job was in some shop.

He wanted to know if she had ever attended drama school, Pat allowed that she had "sat in at a few classes."

Over many objections from the prosecution, Herz asked the witness to name the lawyer who represented her at Mickey's first vice trial in 1953. She answered J. Roland Sala.

"Did Sala tell you that he had been a Shakespearean actor?" Herz asked, but Liebler's objection was sustained.

"It's good for a laugh," Liebler commented as he sat down, "but I object to it."

## TOLD TO BE HERSELF

Pat insisted that she had not received "instructions" about how to behave on the witness stand, explaining: "I was just told to be myself."

Herz then wanted to know all about Mickey's proposal of marriage to Pat, and how many men had proposed to her before. She said her first proposal, when she was 16, came from Girard Laborde. She couldn't remember any others.

"Mickey said he wanted to marry me," Pat said, explaining that this happened at El Morocco soon after they started sharing his midtown apartment in September, 1951. She couldn't remember exactly what words he used, but at the time, she admitted, she didn't think he was serious.

"It's possible," she said, when asked if she knew Mickey was a member of the wealthy oleomargarine family.

Pat answered, "I don't know," or "I don't remember" or "I don't recall" to Herz' questions about how Mickey worded his proposals, how she reacted to them, how many times he proposed.

"Did you ever tell Mickey you had a child born out of wedlock?"

"Yes," Pat said, but couldn't remember when it was she said this to her alleged fiance. She couldn't remember either when Mickey first gave her his ring, but recalled that Mickey said "he wanted me to have that ring until he could get me another one, to show we were engaged."

The ring hardly had time to get warm on Pat's finger before she gave it back to Mickey, she said. Then Mickey gave it back to Pat. Then Pat gave it back to Mickey, "to trade it on another."

The new ring, she said, was for Mickey. He bought it before he left for a Miami vacation, shortly before their breakup in 1952. Pat said, "He told me he was buying a zircon—a diamond, rather—for himself."

Q. Had you had sexual relations with Mickey before he gave you the ring? A. Yes.

## MICKEY NOT HER FIRST

Q. How many times? A. I don't

remember.

Q. Had you had sexual relations with other men, before Mickey? A. With one.

Q. Who? A. Lawrence Greenbaum.

Q. That was the father of your child? A. Yes.

The \$10,000 to \$15,000 figure first was established in Liebler's direct examination of Pat during the morning session, shortly before Herz opened his cross-examination.

It was also during this direct examination that Pat broke down, crying when she began to tell of the last fight she had with Mickey in a Miami Beach motel, the Blue Bay.

She said that Mickey went to Florida in February, 1952, with Carl Jarrett, identified as the boyfriend of Erica Steele, a convicted madam. Erica is under \$500 bail as a material witness.

"Mickey told me to stay with Erica and continue working with

her," Pat told Liebler.

"Working at what?" Liebler asked.

"You know what!" Pat said angrily, as Herz objected.

"Please answer," Liebler said, and Pat explained "to continue seeing men." She remembered the name of one "customer," Martin Falk, who paid her \$100 after a late at his Essex House apartment.

In March, 1952, Erica and Pat drove down to Miami Beach. Pat had \$300 with her, she said, "from working—from the men."

When they arrived, Mickey asked her how much money she had and she told him: "Not as much as you expect."

"He took my purse and opened it and took my money out and gave me \$20," she added. "He said that he didn't know why I didn't have more. He was angry."

## WRECK OF HER ROMANCE

They left Erica and her beau,

and went to the motel, and were there a week arguing constantly. Then came the breakup of the romance. "We were driving back from a night club," Pat said. "I talk Mickey I was sick and disgusted of the way I was living. I couldn't continue any longer and said, 'Are we going to get married or not? I told him I didn't believe him. I didn't want any part of him. He said, 'What am I going to do for money?' and I said I didn't care what he did."

"And then, when we got back to the motel, he started to hit me."

Here Pat put her hands to her face. Herz leaped up, asking: "Is the witness crying?"

## SHE GRABBED A KNIFE

"Step up and find out," invited Judge Valente and Herz did.

"Let the record show," shouted Liebler, "that Mr. Herz put his face up against the witness with a look of intimidation on his face."

Pat continued "I ran into the kitchen and took a knife and told

him if he didn't get out, I'd use it and he left." Here she began to cry, and was given a short recess.

Under direct examination, Pat also said she had visited Mickey's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Teal; that Mrs. Teal had given her an ermine wrap, later left at the Delmonico Hotel, where Pat ran up an unpaid bill.

She also testified that Erica Steele once telephoned George White, pretending she was Pat.

## WHITE NOT INTERESTED

"I told Mickey about George White at Erica's apartment," Pat explained. "I told Mickey I had met Mr. White and that he told me he was producing a new show and there might be a part in it for me. Mickey said he had lots of money, why didn't I try to get some out of him. I told him I couldn't do that."

Then Erica made the call to White, and "Erica told us Mr.

White was not interested in anything like that."

Pat said she never dated White. She said she met Dane Clark, but had no relations with him.

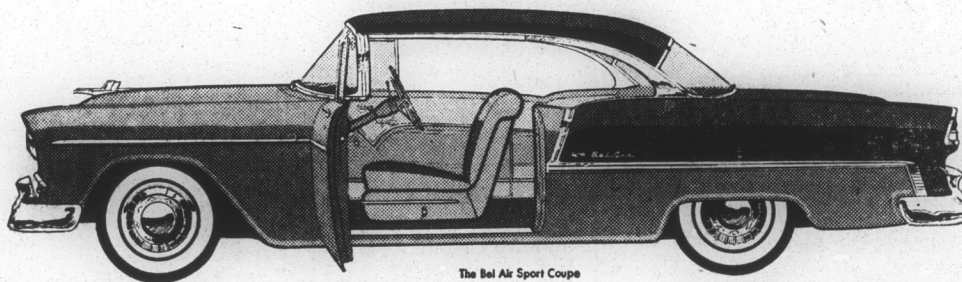
## Services Saturday For Mr. Partin

E. Allison Partin, 77, of Angier, died Wednesday after a short illness.

Funeral will be Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Overby Funeral Chapel in Angier, with the Rev. E. E. Henley officiating. Burial will be in the Adams Family Cemetery on Route 1, Angier.

Surviving are two sons, R. L. Partin of Durham, and J. M. Partin of Baltimore, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Vinson of Route 3, Raleigh, and Mrs. Hazel Berryman of Durham; and 15 grandchildren. He was a retired merchant.

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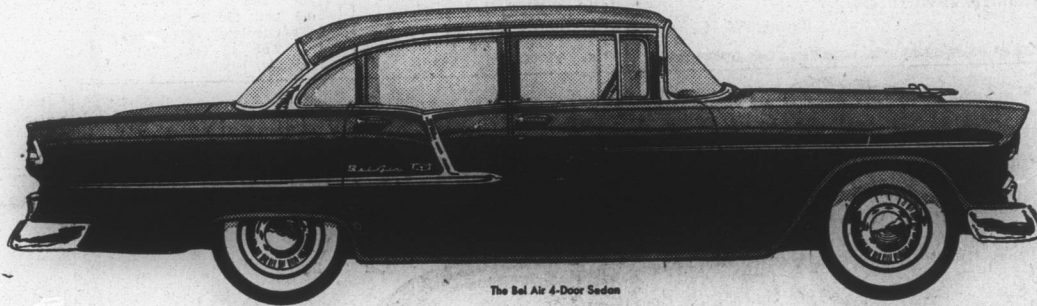
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