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A WOMAN SAW THE FATAL SHOT

Vital Witness for Lilliston Found too Late

TELLS BOY'S FATHER

Sensational Report That Raleigh Lady Admits Now That She Saw Charles Smith Killed—Lawyer Refuse to Talk—Arranging \$15,000 Bond for Lilliston.

The report became current this morning that a vital witness for Robert H. Lilliston, now sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary, has been discovered. Her testimony, it is said, will establish beyond doubt that Charles Smith was not killed by either Lilliston or Clark but was shot by a third party.

The above information was given this morning at the union depot by a friend of the Lilliston's. The informant stated that last night James Lilliston, father of the young man who was yesterday sentenced by Judge Ward, was sent for by a Raleigh woman who told him that she was in the ladies' waiting room at the depot when the tragedy took place. She was standing at the glass partition looking into the men's waiting room, so the story goes, when the shooting began and she saw a third man place his pistol at Smith's back and fire. The man who related this story said it was told to him by James Lilliston himself.

Col. T. M. Argo, leading counsel for Lilliston, was seen this afternoon and asked if the report was true. He said in the main it was true, but he had no statement to make at this time. He refused to divulge the woman's name, but said that she was a lady of this city whose testimony would be believed and she corroborates the witness Kelly. Col. Argo added that other important witnesses had also come to the knowledge of the defense now.

Judge Ward before leaving Raleigh fixed Lilliston's bond at \$15,000 pending his appeal to the Supreme Court. Arrangements are being made for him to give this bond. While his father is a man of limited means, he has relatives, uncles and aunts, who have considerable property and one of them is said to be worth \$250,000. His bond may be fixed early next week.

Even if important new evidence is discovered, under the North Carolina law, the Supreme Court cannot grant another trial on that ground. A bill, introduced by Judge B. B. Winborne, of Murfreesboro, to make newly discovered evidence, in cases where due diligence was exercised before the trial to get all the witnesses, ground for granting another trial in criminal cases was introduced in the last Legislature and defeated. The counsel for Lilliston seem confident, however, that they can get another trial from the Supreme Court.

RECEIVER FOR A BOSTON BANK

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