

Edward L. Early Claims Killing Was Result Of Accident

(Continued from page one) "reasonable" figure. Justice Johnson, while denying bond at the time, announced he would confer with the defense attorneys.

Peel and Peel, today and discuss the possibility of allowing bond in the case. The State offered comparatively little evidence at the preliminary hearing, and the defense claimed that it did not bring out premeditation, and went on to explain that the defendant did not flee from the scene of the crime. Officer Arthur Perry, making the arrest with Officer Verble Jones, told about his visit to the

doctor's office-home, and explained the position the victim was lying in when found, adding that Early was resting on the bed, a few feet away, with his head resting in his hand. The woman, about 25 years old, was lying with her feet a step from the foot of the bed on the floor. The pistol was found on a night table at the head of the bed, the officer said, explaining what action was taken to get a doctor there and to get the victim to a hospital.

Officer Jones said that when he reached the scene of the fatal attack, he saw the woman lying on the floor and that Early jumped up and said, "It looks like I'm going to Raleigh." The officer declared that Early repeated the statement two or three times. He further quoted the doctor as saying that he (Early) was in a tussle with the girl and did not know who had a hand on the trigger when the gun fired. The officer said the girl was unconscious and made no statement. Dr. Early, according to the officer, called Dr. J. T. Llewellyn but could not get him, and that E. S. Peel, Jr., called another doctor, that Dr. C. I. Harris made a hurried examination and advised the removal of the woman to a hospital.

Taking the stand, Sheriff M. W. Holloman said Early made a statement to him in jail Sunday night, a short time after the shooting. Early, according to the sheriff, said he was lying on the bed when Odessa came in and started an argument about some shortening. Early also said that he had his hand on the pistol under a pillow, that the girl grabbed the pillow and when she saw the pistol, told him to shoot her. "Kill me, kill me, go on and kill me," Early, in his statement, quoted the girl as saying. Early said she had her hand on the barrel when the weapon fired.

A second statement was made by the defendant yesterday, and Sheriff Holloman read it as follows: "I went in there and lay down on the bed, long ways the bed, with my head on one pillow and the gun in my hand under the other pillow, and Dessia came in there, arguing with me about some shortening. So I said, shucks, we been talking about that all day. I said I don't want to talk about it any more, just let it drop. And she proceeded to beat on me with her fist; she didn't have anything else. I was turning around and trying to avoid her, and she snatched the pillow from off my hand. I had the gun in my hand, and she grabbed the gun and said, 'kill me, please kill me; come on and kill me,' like a person would do. I don't suppose it was exactly a dare. It's just, I guess, testing out, or something. I don't know what it was. Next thing I knew, the thing went off, and her hand

around the gun, she had the gun barrel. She was holding the gun by the barrel. I don't know whether she had her hand on the other part or not, but she was pulling on the barrel, and the gun fired, and she fell away. She didn't say a thing. Anything at all. I jumped up and hollered, Dessia. I put the gun over there on the table and called Dr. Llewellyn. He wasn't there, then I thought she was dead, and I called Mr. Peel. He told me to call the officers and I asked him to call the officers. And then I tried to get Dr. Llewellyn again. Then Mr. Peel, Jr., who was sent by his father, came and called Dr. Harris. And Dr. Harris came, then the officers, and then the ambulance came, and then Dr. Llewellyn got there as she was being put in the ambulance. I helped put her on the stretcher. I was in the middle. There were three of us helping, and I helped put her on. I told him not to bend her neck, to put his arm under her. "Early that day we had arguments. We had arguments about the shortening. What she did, it

was like this, I passed by and she would dig her fingernails in my arm, one time about 11 o'clock, and another time about 3:00 o'clock. Little later, she complained about her jaw aching that afternoon. She had had her tooth pulled, and she fixed a hypodermic with some morphine that Dr. Horton, the colored dentist that comes over here once a week, gave her. She asked me to give it to her, and I gave it to her. That was about 4:00 o'clock. She was killed (fatally shot) about 8:00 o'clock. "She lay down over on the couch in another room, and I lay down in my room, except during the time that I waited on those patients and she helped me wait on the patients. "I wasn't angry with her. I didn't intend to kill her. She had slight temper tantrums and got over them, and gets mad at times and cools down, and I was used to that. She was mad with me. She wouldn't admit what she was mad about. She claimed it was the shortening. I feel it was jealousy, but she wouldn't admit it. She

said that wasn't it. She said she hated for someone to go around in her stuff, her cooking stuff, like that. She cooks at the office. "A teacher came by there to visit, and she started to cook. I asked her to cook, but when Odessa objected about the shortening, she (the teacher who mysteriously entered the case) didn't

cook. I cut the girl's visit short and sent her away." Acting Coroner W. W. Biggs, stating that an autopsy had been performed, described the path of the bullet, stating there were no signs of powder burns, that it is impossible to always tell the distance a gun is from a victim because of the type of powder used.

He said there was an inch-long scratch on the woman's left arm and that the right temple was extended, possibly because of internal bleeding. The hearing attracted a fairly large number of colored citizens. Joe Page chosen by writers as the outstanding series player.

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Every Monday Afternoon for citizens of Williamston 1:30 to 4:30

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