

A RUMORED CONFESSION.

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Detectives Gault and Seibold Bring the Prisoner to Baltimore and Then Return to Caroline County for the Man Against Whom Charges of Being the Principal in the Crime Are Said to Have Been Made.

It is understood that Marshall E. Price, who was arrested on the charge of having murdered Miss Sallie Dean, near Harmony, Caroline county, and who was removed from the jail at Denton to Baltimore by Detectives Gault and Seibold, has made a confession of knowledge of the crime and that he implicates another man.

In his statement, it is said, Price claimed that the other man, whom he named, was the principal in the tragedy, and that he himself was merely an accomplice.

Detectives Gault and Seibold returned to Caroline county yesterday afternoon with the intention of arresting the man whom Price is said to have accused.

Price was brought to Baltimore yesterday morning because the detectives were informed that the excitement occasioned by his arrest might result in his being taken from the jail at Denton and lynched.

Departure from Denton.

The detectives said that after they placed Price in the jail at Denton they returned to the scene of the murder for the purpose of securing additional testimony against him. They went back to Denton about 10 o'clock Thursday night and gave State's Attorney Jump a list of the witnesses whom they wanted summoned before the grand jury. They retired to bed about 11 o'clock, but were aroused by several gentlemen who said they feared Price would be lynched before morning if he was allowed to remain in the jail. The detectives said they themselves had felt uneasy about the safety of their prisoner. At nearly every place they visited during the day there was an unusual quietness, and they thought that perhaps the residents of that part of Caroline county were organizing to lynch Price.

When their fears were strengthened, therefore, they dressed and went to the jail and led Price quietly out the back door, placed him in a carriage and drove away before the persons about the jail had any idea of their intention. Price, the said, was nervous and begged them to protect him from the mob. He said he had heard threats of lynching and seemed to be terrified.

They drove to Harrington, Del., about 18 miles from Denton. As the train they were to take was an hour late, they locked their prisoner in a room on the top floor of the hotel and kept him there until the train arrived. Wilmington was reached about 5 o'clock. After waiting there until 8 o'clock for a train to Baltimore, they reached here about 10 o'clock and took their prisoner to police headquarters at the City Hall.

Said to Have Broken Down.

Price was closely questioned by Marshal Frey, but during the entire conversation, which lasted over an hour, he stoutly maintained that he was innocent of the murder of the young girl. Later in the day Marshal Frey, with the detectives who arrested Price, visited him in a cell, where they spent nearly an hour questioning him.

It is said that Marshal Frey's examination was so searching that Price finally broke down and told all he knew about the murder. The police were exceedingly reticent and declined to say anything whatever about the rumored confession. No outsider was permitted to see Price, and a guard was placed at the door of his cell, on the second floor of the central police station, with instructions to let no one talk with him.

What Aroused Suspicion.

The detectives said they were led to suspect Price from his manner while on the coroner's jury and also from the fact that he could not remain away from the locality where Miss Dean was murdered. He gave as a reason for being about the scene that he was anxious to discover who the murderer was. The detectives said Price found the knife which was used to cut the throat of Miss Dean in a place where it was hardly possible for a person to find it without having knowledge of its hiding-place.

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A special dispatch to THE SUN from Denton says: "The action of Detectives Seibold and Gault and Constable Roe in taking Price away from Denton is not approved by the representative citizens of the county, for it indicates the belief that Price was not safe from lynching. George M. Russum, one of Price's counsel, asked for the removal on the ground that a mob was being organized to take Price from the jail and hang him. There is no evidence to show that any such plan was even discussed. On the other hand, the sentiment of the people is educated beyond lynch law. The removal of Price is an unjust reflection on the intelligence of the people of Caroline. It is generally believed that the real motive of taking him away is to begin arrangements for the removal of the trial from this county.

"Price's father spent Thursday night here and had an interview with his son at the jail. He says that Marshall Price has always been somewhat delicate and under excitement tends to weak-mindedness. Mr. Price returned home Friday.

"The grand jury has been discharged until Monday, when the hearing of the case will take place."

Talk About the Trial.

A special dispatch from Easton says: "If the grand jury of Caroline county finds an indictment against Marshall Price, the trial will probably be removed to either Talbot or Queen Anne's county. The spring term of the Queen Anne's Court follows immediately after that of Caroline, beginning on the first Monday in May. The spring term of the Talbot court follows that of Queen Anne's, beginning the third Monday in May.

The Price Family.

"The news of Price's arrest," continues the dispatch, "has made the home of Price's father, at Dover Bridge, four miles from Easton, a sorrowful one. Mr. Price is the bridge-keeper appointed by a board representing Talbot and Caroline counties, and since he has held the office there has never been a complaint against him. Mrs. Price, the mother of the accused man, is a kind, motherly woman, who is always ready to respond to the calls of her neighbors who may be sick or in need of her assistance. Mrs. Marshall Price is here with her husband's parents."