

Shooting of Arkansas Negro Is Ruled Justifiable by Jury

MARION, Ark., July 18 (AP)
—A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide today in the fatal shooting yesterday of a Negro who was said to have molested an 8-year-old girl.

The Negro, Andrew Lee Anderson, 17, of loss of blood two hours after he was chased into a field by white residents and sheriff's deputies and shot in the leg. The coroner, T. H. McGough, said the ruling was based on an Arkansas law that gives any private citizen or officer the right to attempt to capture a felon.

He said there was no testimony during the inquest as to who had fired the shot.

The chase began after the mother of the child said she saw her daughter being molested by a Negro and started driving down a street of the small farming community crying for help.