

NEGRO IN ARKANSAS IS KILLED IN CHASE

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MARION, Ark., July 17 — A 17-year-old Negro, chased by townspeople and sheriff's deputies, was fatally shot in a soybean field today after a white woman reported that he had molested her 8-year-old daughter. He died of loss of blood in a hospital two hours later.

The dead youth was Andrew Lee Anderson, who lived on a farm near Benson, five miles west of here.

When the chase began, Anderson was in the village mowing lawns. Sheriff Cecil V. Goodwin said the girl was running from him after he had molested her outside the home of a neighbor. He said her mother, who was driving to pick the girl up and take her home for lunch, came upon Anderson chasing her daughter.

Four white persons and five deputy sheriffs spotted Anderson at the edge of the village and chased him into a bean field off Highway 55. He dove into the vegetation, ran, dove again and then got up and ran again.

Sheriff Goodwin said the deputies ordered him to halt. He said Anderson kept on running and that several shots were fired by deputies with rifles, hitting the youth in the left leg. Sheriff Goodwin said they picked Anderson up and took him to a doctor, who told them to take him to the Crittenden County Memorial Hospital in West Memphis, where he died of loss of blood. West Memphis is in Arkansas, exactly five miles south of Marion.

Anderson had been wounded in the left leg only, just above the knee. Sheriff Goodwin said hospital attendants told him the blood loss was great because Anderson had been overheated and running.

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