WIGGINS — (AP) — Pending completion of his investigation of the lynching Monday of Wilder McGowan, 24-year-old negro, by a mob in connection with a criminal attack on a 14-year-old white woman, Sheriff S. C. Hinton of Stone county, said no arrests had been made.

Grand jury or court action, the sheriff said, would await his investigation of the mob action.

Hinton said a white mob searching for the attacker of the woman seized McGowan, "I don't know exactly where or how," while he and his deputies were six miles away looking for the negro at a mill where he said they thought he was employed.

At McComb, Mrs. L. W. Alford, Mississippi council chairman of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, issued a statement regretting that Mississippi "has had another lynching."

"The victim," her statement said, "deserved punishment for his heinous crime but our law should have inflicted the penalty.

"As long as American citizens and officers of the law permit mob violence of this type we cannot claim to be a civilized nation."