Negro Is Lynched At Marianna

Alleged Killer Is Taken Away By Masked Men

Marianna, June 16 — (P) —
Cellos Harrison, 31-year-old negro charged with killing a white man, was taken from the Jackson county jail early today by four masked men and apparently clubbed to death.

Harrison's body was found at daylight on a road five miles south of Marianna.

Deputy Sheriff A. J. McMullen said Harrison had been killed by blows on his head, and added, "we didn't find any bullet holes in his body."

Night Jailer Tom Belser said four appeared at the jail soon after midnight and told him they had a drunk man they wanted locked up. When Belser opened the jail door, one of the men, all of whom were masked, held a pistol on him, while the others took Harrison from his cell.

None Recognized

Belser said he didn't recognize any of the men.

Lt. Red Clifton of the state highway patrol headquarters in Tallahassee and four highway patrolmen were sent here upon instructions from Governor Spessard Holland's office to help local officers. Several persons gathered about the jail during the early morning, but there was no further disturbance.

Sheriff Barkley Gauss is in Ocala attending a convention of the State Sheriff's association.

A coroner's jury was called to conduct an investigation of Harrison's death.

Harrison once was convicted for the 1940 killing of Johnnie Mayo, filling station operator, in a robbery attempt. His conviction was affirmed by the supreme court, and then, on a rehearing by the court, it was reversed on the ground that a confession was not properly admissible as evidence.

New Indictment Returned

The indictment against Harrison then was not pressed by circuit court, and Harrison was released. A new indictment was returned by the Jackson county grand jury a few weeks ago, and Harrison was being held in jail awaiting trial.

In reversing the original conviction, the supreme court said a signed confession used against Harrison at his trial was obtained under "influences calculated to delude the mind of the ignorant negro.

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of its far-reaching consequences." The court did not elaborate.

Jailer Belser said he did not know the men who removed Harrison were masked until he had opened the jail gate upon their statement they had a drunk man to be placed in jail.

Harrison's trial had been set for next Monday.