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Gruesome Details of LaGrange, Ga., Lynching Aired—16-Year-Old Austin Callaway Was Made To Take Ride Which Ended in His Death Near Highway—None of "Lynch Gang" Identified.

LaGRANGE, Ga., Sept. 19.—No arrests have yet been made in connection with the lynching of Austin Callaway, 16-year-old youth, who was taken early Sunday from the city jail, where he was being held on a charge of criminally assaulting a white woman, and shot to death by a group of six white men who, according to the jailer, S. J. Willis, forced him to surrender the prisoner to them.

While a fire was raging in a nearby factory and the vicinity of the jail was deserted, Chief of Police J. E. Matthews quoted the jailer as saying, the group of men which he estimated to number not more than six, suddenly appeared behind him and warning him not to turn around, forced him to give them his keys after asking him where the youth's cell was located.

The jailer said, the Chief of Police added, that with a pistol held against his back most of the time, the group forced him to proceed to the cell of the prisoner and unlock it, when they made Callaway accompany them to a waiting car and get in, driving away immediately. Jailer Willis is said to have declared he did not recognize any of the six men, nor did he know how many of them were armed.

Just before dawn the body of the youth, with bullet wounds in the head, hands and arms, was found about eight miles from here near the Liberty Hill Highway. Still alive, though unconscious, Callaway was taken to a local hospital where he died late Sunday afternoon.

Only the most meager clues have been developed so far as to the identity of the Lynchers, it has been announced, by Chief of Police Matthews and Sheriff E. V. Hillyer who are in charge of the investigation.

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