

## Lewis Devers

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**Devers.** On the morning of the 17th November, 1876, of heart disease, Lewis Devers, in the 70th year of his age. Funeral will take place from his late residence on 4th street, between M and N, Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. His friends and relatives are requested to attend. (Balt. and Alex. papers please copy).

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### **An Uncommon Case**

Mr. Lewis Devers was arrested by County Officer Pimms, with a warrant issued by Justice Giberson, in which Mr. D. is charged with having, about a month since, "rented his house, situated on Fourth street, between M and N streets, in the city of Washington, to common prostitutes, well knowing them to be such at the time he rented the said house, and that they intended to keep a bawdy house in the same, to the great scandal of the neighborhood and against the peace and government of the United States." Mr. Devers appeared this morning, and entered into bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance on Saturday next for a further hearing.

Such cases are very uncommon, and few are acquainted with the fact that the penalty, upon conviction before the Criminal Court, is fine and imprisonment, or either, at the discretion of the Court.

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### **The Bawdy House Case**

The case of Mr. Lewis Devers, who was charged with renting a house to common prostitutes, has been explained. It appears Mr. Devers rented the house to an old man for himself and family. Two females went into the house by consent of the tenant, without the knowledge of Mr. Devers, and their residence there caused the issue of the warrant. Mr. Devers succeeded in getting them out of the house; and the case was dismissed by Justice Giberson.