

## Louis Troutman

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### **Shot Fatal to Boy Waiting For Mother**

#### **Louis Troutman Dies of Wound From Pistol in Hands of Negro**

Louis Troutman aged nineteen years, of Capitol Heights, Md., who was accidentally shot in the head last night while waiting to meet his mother at the railway station at 61st and C streets northeast, died at the Emergency Hospital about 10:30 o'clock this morning. From the time he reached the institution last night the surgeons held out practically no hope for his recovery. He did not rally during the night and sank rapidly this morning.

An inquest for investigating the circumstances of the shooting will be held by Coroner Nevitt at the morgue probably tomorrow morning. Arthur Carroll, the seventeen-year-old colored youth who was arrested shortly after the shooting, is being held at the ninth precinct station house and probably will appear at the inquest. Whether Carroll will be further detained in custody or released on the ground that the shooting was purely accidental will be determined by the jury's verdict.

Young Troutman had an appointment last night to meet his mother, Mrs. Virginia Troutman, at the electric railway station at 61<sup>st</sup> and C streets northeast about 7:30 o'clock and escort her to their home some distance away from the car line. He talked with several of his friends while waiting for the next car.

#### *Was Showing Weapon*

Carroll, with several companions, joined the throng around the little station. He had in his hand a revolver which according to a statement to the police, he had found several days before and showed it to his friends.

Without warning the weapon was discharged. Young Troutman reeled and, with a groan, fell to the floor of the stations. His friends, recovering from the fright of the shot, bent over him and saw blood streaming from the right side of his face. He tried to speak, but soon dropped into unconsciousness. An effort was made to revive him and to stop the flow of blood from the wound.

#### *Mother Faints at His Side*

The next car arrived in the midst of the excitement and Mrs. Troutman stepped off and began to look for her son. When she was told he was lying unconscious and wounded on the station floor she fainted at his side.

No time was lost in placing Troutman aboard a car bound for this city, and at 15th and H streets northeast he was put into an ambulance and rushed to the Emergency Hospital. The surgeons pronounced his condition serious, and decided that an operation to remove the bullet from the head was too dangerous to undertake.

Mrs. Troutman was cared for by friends and assisted to her home.

The police of the ninth precinct made an investigation of the affair and arrested Carroll on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The prisoner, the police say, explained that the shooting was entirely an accident, and his claims are said to be substantiated by several persons who witnessed it.

Following an investigation by Coroner Nevitt of the shooting he ordered an inquest to be held at the District morgue tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock.

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**Held By Coroner's Jury For Accidental Killing**

**Troutman's Death Due to "Unlawful and Negligent Act" by Carroll**

Although the witnesses testified that the shooting of Lewis Troutman by John Arthur Carroll at 61<sup>st</sup> and C streets northeast was accidental, a coroner's jury today held Carroll for the action of the grand jury. The verdict of the jury was as follows:

"We believe that the death of Lewis Troutman was indirectly due to an unlawful and negligent act on the part of John Arthur Carroll, and we hold him for action of the grand jury."

The inquest was held at the District morgue. Troutman, nineteen years of age, of Capitol Heights, Md., was accidentally shot in the head with a revolver last Tuesday night by Carroll while at 61<sup>st</sup> and C streets northeast. He died yesterday morning at the Emergency Hospital.

The jury held it to be an unlawful act on Carroll's part to be armed with a revolver. It is one of the first instances of this kind where the shooting was accidental and the prisoner held for the action of the grand jury.

Carroll was remanded to jail.