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Police Hunt for Slayers of Saraf

Quartet Flees Store After Shooting Proprietor

Police and detectives today are still seeking information which may lead to the arrest of four negroes reported by witnesses to have fled a small bar and confectionery store at the corner of Duffy and West Broad at about 10 o'clock last night where George A. Saraf, operator, was shot to death.

Police were notified of the shooting by an unidentified negro woman who called from a nearby store and said that after two shots were fired, four men ran out of the store. Others in the vicinity said they also heard two shots fired, and R. G. Fouche of 1206 West Broad street told police he saw the men. He was able to give police a description of two of the men.

Mr. Saraf, a 47-year-old Armenian was apparently shot while standing behind the counter. A pistol slug passed through his neck, causing instant death, according to Dr. L. Elliott, coroner.

A man listed as Leoria Kelly was arrested near the scene and is being held for investigation, as police

found a loaded .32 caliber pistol in his automobile while searching the neighborhood for possible suspects. The man's automatic, however, was fully loaded with steel-jacketed bullets, while those from the death scene were of lead.

Detectives Harry Pitts and Fountain have been assigned to the case, according to E. A. Fitzgerald, sergeant of detectives.