

Ringwood Man Becomes Ninth Juror for Carter-Artis Case

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PATERSON — A ninth juror was seated yesterday in the first degree murder trial of Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis.

Seated late yesterday morning was Vincent J. Tassitano, 45, of 389 Conklintown Road, Ringwood, a supervisor for the National Biscuit Co. plant in Fair Lawn, father of three.

Carter, 30, of 498 20th Ave. one-time middleweight boxing title contender, and Artis, former Paterson Central High School track star, are on trial accused of killing three people in a shooting on June 17, 1966, at the Lafayette Grill, 428 E. 18th St., Paterson.

The state contends the pair walked into the bar about 2:30 a.m. and gunned down the bartender and three patrons. The bartender, part owner of the bar, and two patrons died.

Killed instantly were James Oliver, 52, who lived above the

tavern and Fred Nauyoks, 60, of Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove. Mrs. Hazel Tanis, 51, of 176 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, died three weeks later. The fourth victim, who recovered, was William Marins, 42, of 225 Keen St., Paterson.

Assistant Prosecutor Vincent E. Hull Jr., is seeking a first degree murder conviction which carries the death penalty.

Carter, represented by Raymond A. Brown of Jersey City, and Artis, by Arnold M. Stein of Denville, contended they did not commit the murders were no where near the scene, and are not implicated in any way in the killings.

Yesterday, a total of 17 persons was interviewed. Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner, before whom the case is being tried, excused 15 of the prospective jurors.

Hull excused once. Since the trial began on April 17, a total

of 226 persons have been interviewed. Thus far Brown has used six of his pre-emptory challenges; Stein five, and Hull three.

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