

"SIN SYNDICATE" ★EXPOSE LOOMS★

Murder Trial Expected To Disclose Machinery Of Local Ring

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The curtain of underworld secrecy will be ruthlessly drawn aside to expose the nefarious operation of a gigantic "sin syndicate" operating here when Mrs. Queenie Parker, 28-year-old habitue of the fast-life stem, goes on trial charged with the murder of Beatrice Wayne, formerly of the 1900 block Jefferson street.

This was indicated in a terse statement made by Detective Firman Hopkins upon his return from Chicago with Mrs. Parker, last week.

The syndicate trading on vice and the baser desires of humanity to achieve a "thrill" in an unorthodox and a sly manner has been in operation here for years, according to Detective Hopkins.

Its pawns, according to police, are colored women who have a weakness for the fast life, expensive automobiles and a life of comparatively comfortable if uncertain ease.

Startling revelations, heretofore glossed over, are promised at the trial of Mrs. Parker.

Twisting Trail.

In effecting the arrest of the fawn-colored will-o'-the-wisp, Hopkins went from Washington, to Duluth, Minn., thence to Des Moines, Iowa, and finally to Mrs. Parker's home in Chicago, where she was arrested.

The devotion of the fugitive woman to her aged mother was her undoing. On a previous trip to Chicago to arrest the woman and return her to this city, the mother sought like a tigress in urging her daughter to fight extradition.

After Hopkins' return to this city the woman dropped from sight. Efforts to again locate her proved futile.

Mother Stricken.

Then the mother was stricken with illness. Mrs. Parker knew that some-

PRINCIPALS



TOP:- QUEENIE PARKER
BELOW:- FIRMAN HOPKINS

Colored Women Used Exclusively Say Police Preparing Case

where in the shadow of her home Chicago police were warily watching for her return. She knew that her arrest would involve a possibly less successful attempt to circumvent extradition. But her mother was ill, and that's all that mattered to Queenie Parker.

She hastened to Chicago, and was arrested. Hopkins leaped aboard a train here and sped to Chicago, this time determined to return with the woman charged with the cold-blooded murder of her "buddy." With little persuasion she agreed to return and face a bar of justice, to answer the charges on the police docket here.

Killed In Tussle.

Beatrice Wayne was shot and killed at the Jefferson street address during a tussle for possession of a telegram she had received from Mrs. Parker's husband, last November.

Police say that Mrs. Parker has admitted firing the fatal shot, but that she insists that she shot in self-defense.

However, it has been broadly hinted that the crux of the shooting mystery hinges around another incident, some time previously.

According to police records, Miss Wayne and Mrs. Parker were arrested by the police of the 55th and Pine streets police station over a year ago, charged with soliciting.

Behind this arrest of the duo over a year ago lies the real story of what led to the tragic shooting last November, police circles imply.

Queenie Parker is characterized by Detective Hopkins as one of the "shrewdest and smartest women" he has ever contacted during his years of service in the police force.