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out to Reverend BURCHETTE that the investigation had determined that MAYO was a witness for instead of against these officers. In this connection it should be noted that MAYO was interviewed on August 18, 1947.

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. W. E. DAVIS, Assistant Supervisor of Property Protection, Seaboard Airline Railroad, 16 West Jones Street, stated that he is familiar with the circumstances surrounding the death of ISAAC MAYO as the railroad has been following the case closely due to its possible liability. He stated that MAYO was found dead at 2:20 a.m. on August 24, 1947. He stated that his mangled body was found on a pass track, rather than the main line, at a point about two blocks north of the town limits of Norlina, North Carolina. He stated that the investigation conducted by the railroad indicates the possibility of murder, although it rather clearly reflects that it was not a grudge affair. He stated that there is no indication that any officer or any member of the family of HENRY G. ANDREWS was involved in the matter. He stated that the local coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by accidental means and that no investigation into the matter is being made by the law enforcement officers in the county.

Mr. DAVIS related the following circumstances surrounding the death of MAYO, which the railroad investigators have been able to trace and determine. He stated that MAYO left the bus station at Norlina about 9:00 p.m. on August 23, 1947 in company with several other negroes, these being GEORGE GREEN, J. R. DAVIS, MATTHEW BALL and CLARENCE ALLEGOD. He stated that they were all drinking and were in a 1935 Chevrolet Coach, the property of GEORGE GREEN. He advised that they drove out into the country to the home of a negro bootlegger named RAYMOND RUSSELL where they all pooled their money and purchased a half gallon of wine. They remained there for some time gambling and drinking. After drinking the half gallon of wine, MAYO then purchased another half gallon and they all left in the car and returned to Norlina. They went to the home of J. R. DAVIS and ate some chicken and beans. After leaving the home of DAVIS, they drove to a sandlot on the edge of Norlina, North Carolina. The sandlot is bounded on one side by the home of J. R. DAVIS. On an adjacent side it is bounded by a negro barber shop operated by JASPER CROSEN who lives in the shop. On the far side of the sandlot from DAVIS'S home there is a church, and a few yards beyond the church is the main line of the railroad. The pass track is adjacent to the main line. Mr. DAVIS pointed out that these various points constitute something of a triangle with the sandlot in the center and all being within earshot of one another.

He advised that upon reaching the sandlot after leaving DAVIS'S home, DAVIS asked to be let out of the car. Accordingly they stopped the car on the far side of the lot from the barber shop and DAVIS got out taking the half gallon of wine purchased by MAYO with him. To this MAYO objected and in the



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ensuing argument, MAYO finally asked that he be let out too. Accordingly, the remaining occupants put MAYO out and left him with DAVIS and the wine at this point. Mr DAVIS stated that all the other occupants of the car testify to this fact and this is the last time MAYO was seen alive. He stated that MAYO and DAVIS got out of the car about midnight. He stated that around midnight DAVIS appeared at the barber shop of JASPER CROSSEN with the half gallon of wine. This shop is only about seventy-five yards from the point where DAVIS and MAYO got out of the car. CROSSEN and DAVIS drank the wine and then DAVIS went home and CROSSEN went to bed.

Mr. DAVIS stated that at 2:20 a.m. on August 24, 1947 MAYO was found on the pass track about forty yards from the point where he and DAVIS got out of the car at midnight. He stated that MAYO'S body was first seen by an engineer passing on the main line. He stated that it has since been determined that only one train had used the pass track between midnight and 2:20 a.m., this being extra 4001 which used the pass track at 1:30 a.m. He stated that this extra definitely ran over MAYO'S body for both feet were cut off at the ankles and one arm was cut off at the shoulder. In addition he stated that there was a hole the size of a silver dollar in the back of MAYO'S head. He stated that this hole was the puzzle for it is unlikely that it would have been caused by the train. He stated that another unusual thing is that there was no blood found at the scene, nor was MAYO'S body bloody.

Mr. DAVIS stated that the chief suspects in this case are DAVIS and CROSSEN. He stated that DAVIS claimed that he did not see MAYO get out of the car even though all the other occupants related the fact that he did in the presence of DAVIS.

Mr. DAVIS advised that there was no formal examination made of the body by a doctor. He stated that no autopsy has as yet been performed and none will be performed unless the family presents a claim against the railroad.

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