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Tuskegee Police Victim Dies With Crushed Skull

Widow Says Macon County Sheriff Hated Husband

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TUSKEGEE, Ala., July 4—Mr. F. E. Powell, the deputy sheriff of Macon County, was killed yesterday when his car was fired upon by a man who ran from the scene of the shooting into the woods.

Mr. Powell was killed while driving to the scene of a reported burglary in the county. He was shot at least five times and died instantly. The man who fired at him fled into the woods, according to reports.

Tuskegee police said that they had not yet determined the motive of the shooting.

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ed for a young boy next door to come and help him put his husband in the car.

"They put him in his car (Gunn's car) and with Fawcett driving they carried him, as I later found when I went up town, to the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital at Tuskegee Institute. I asked the sheriff what had my husband done? He replied, "You know as much as we do, He is always into something." So far as could be learned, Gunn was charged with drunkenness.

BEAT HIM IN PUBLIC

"Two other times they had arrested my husband. In October, they stripped him of his clothes and beat him in public at Mt. Esther Church. The other time they arrested him for reckless driving."

In response to a query from a number of the Tuskegee Civic Association as to whether her husband had ever had any personal difficulties with the sheriff, Mrs. Gunn stated that he had not, but her husband's uncle and Evans' father had an argument. It was stated that the sheriff and his deputies "had it in for Gunn."

Mrs. Gunn stated to the member of the Civic Association that she would be grateful for anything that the organization did for her because she wasn't well and she had four little children ranging in age from nine months to six years.

"I don't have any means of support. One of my little children will be ready to go to school next year," she stated.

Gunn died in the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital from a fractured skull caused by a blow behind the right ear.

Steps are being taken by the local Civic Association to have those responsible for this unwanton killing punished.