

# Camden Beefs Canine Patrols

CAMDEN —UPI— City officials Friday beefed up the police department's K-9 Corps, ordering city-wide dog patrols, in the wake of a recent series of rapes.

The action came a few hours after a 16-year-old girl was raped in a South Camden parking lot.

A suspect arrested in the rape was shot and wounded Friday when he tried to flee detectives on the upper floors of City Hall a few hours after his arrest.

Albert Hughes, 23, was reported in serious condition in Cooper Hospital with bullet wounds of his leg and back.

A second suspect arrested in the rape, George Willis, 23, of South Main Street was ordered held in \$10,000 bail for a hearing.

### Third Man

Police arrested a third man in the case, George Pearsall, 24, of 435 Washington St. as a material witness. He was ordered held in \$3,000 bail.

Police said they still sought two other persons for questioning. One of them is the girl's boyfriend, who was with her shortly before the rape occurred, police said.

In other action seven Negroes — two of them girls — were indicted by a grand jury on charges

of kidnaping, rape and assault stemming from the attack on a 16-year-old white girl last month.

The girl was assaulted on a deserted country road in Winslow Township near here.

Five of those indicted were in Camden County Jail. Two others were still at large.

### Those Indicted

Indicted were: Robert Lewis, 19, and his brother James, 25; Earl Clark, 21; Georgia M. Burnett, 16, and Doris Stanback, 20, all of Philadelphia; Esaw Mitchell, 19, of West Berlin and Raymond Forchion, 17, of Berlin.

Mitchell and Robert Lewis were still at large.

The seven were indicted for conspiracy to rob and rape, carrying concealed weapons, attempted robbery, kidnaping, rape and two charges of atrocious assault and battery.

The girl was attacked Feb. 2 when she and her boyfriend parked on a deserted dirt road. She told police her assailants dragged her from the car, beat her boyfriend and then drove her to another wooded area where they raped her.

Mayor Alfred R. Pierce, Public Safety Director Edwin Bedell and top police officials met Friday and authorized an increase in the city K-9 Corps from 10 men and 10 dogs to 22 men and 22 dogs to help combat the rape problem.

The men and dogs will patrol Camden streets regularly between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m., Pierce announced. Previously, the corps had been used only on special occasions, not on routine patrol.

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