

DETECTIVE, BEATEN BY PRISONER, DIES

**Brings Down Captive With
Two Bullets After He Is
Attacked in Brooklyn**

HIT WITH PIPE AND BITTEN

**Victim, A. J. De Marrais, Had
Been Cited Several Times
for Solving Crimes**

Detective Arthur J. De Marrias of the Thirteenth Detective District, Brooklyn, who had been cited several times because of his adeptness at solving crimes, died last night in Brooklyn Hospital five hours after he had been hit on the head with a length of pipe and bitten on the cheek by a Negro prisoner.

He had been taken to the hospital at 5:30 P. M. for treatment of his wounds after he had shot and seriously injured John Brown, 37, a Negro, of 407 Classon Avenue, when the latter resisted arrest. It was not believed at the time that the detective's injuries were serious. J. W. Maxwell, superintendent of the hospital, said last night the cause of death had not been determined. A report of the Medical Examiner was awaited.

District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan immediately entered the case and indicated that a charge of murder would be lodged against Brown if the fatal injuries to De Marrias were inflicted by the prisoner.

In answer to a complaint by Mrs. Virginia Lundy, a Negro, of 90 Clifton Place, that Brown had threatened her because she refused to marry him, De Marrias went to the address and found Brown menacing her two daughters, Muriel, 6, and Evelyn, 7. All were in the vestibule of the house and Brown had an iron pipe in his hand.

When De Marrias attempted to disarm him, Brown swung the pipe striking him on the head. Finally subduing Brown, De Marrias led him down the street on the way to the Classon Avenue station. Suddenly Brown attempted to break away. In the tussle that followed Brown bit the detective several times and freed himself.

As he started to flee, De Marrias drew his pistol and fired two shots, both of which took effect. Brown staggered and fell. Meanwhile radio patrol cars arrived on the scene and both men were taken to hospitals. Detective De Marrias died at 10:30 P. M.

Detective De Marrias solved a number of important crimes including the Helen Sterler murder case in Brooklyn in 1933 and the \$100,000 jewel robbery from the home of Frank Bailey in Brooklyn in 1929. In the latter case he shared a \$5,000 reward with Detective Kenny, also of Brooklyn. The Sterler case was broken when De Marrias arrested Lloyd Price, Negro, through a red pencil found at the scene of the crime and identified by Price's mother as his.

De Marrias, who was 41 years old, joined the Police Department Oct. 11, 1920. He was appointed third grade detective in 1925 and elevated to first grade in 1928. He was married and had five children. He lived at 105 Patchen Avenue.