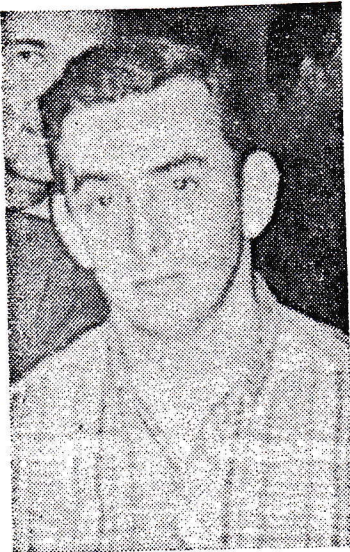


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Accused of Shooting Game Warden



Escorted by FBI agents, two men accused of shooting a federal game warden from ambush along the Mississippi river 15 miles southwest of Pittsfield March 18, were taken before Magistrate Edward Moore in a special session of police court here Friday afternoon. With arms folded (at left) is Robert Eugene Motley, 24, of 439½ North Sixth. At right in overalls, is his uncle, Hubert W. Motley, 49, of Rockport Route 1. Hubert Motley is charged with assaulting Warden Victor L. Blazevic with a shotgun, and Robert Motley is charged with being an accessory, assisting in the assault and handicapping the apprehension of his uncle. Both men waived preliminary hearings, were ordered held for a federal grand jury on \$20,000 bonds, and were taken to Springfield. Blazevic, shot while looking for out-of-season duck hunters, has been released from a hospital.



ROBERT EUGENE MOTLEY

News in Brief

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Michelob on tap, 838 Club.
Frigidaire service—Shepherd's.
Dempsey for Sheriff—Pol. Adv.
Floor show and dancing nightly
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HUBERT W. MOTLEY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
1006 West Lake Street
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

April 12, 1962

In reply refer to:
WAE 107.7

MEMORANDUM

To: All U. S. Game Management Agents - Region 3

From: Regional Supervisor, Mgmt. & Enfl., Mpls., Minn.

Subject: Assault on Agent Blazevic

The following account of the above incident has just been received from Agent Blazevic:

"I have now returned to duty and am feeling fit. The minor damage to my eye was repaired and has been found to be satisfactory. No loss of vision has been experienced or is it expected.

"Having just got the latest Grapevine and reading the account in it, I feel compelled to make some corrections. I realize these things usually happen when other than first hand accounts are given.

"Briefly, this is what has happened. The hunters on a slough on the Hubert Motley farm attempted to escape apprehension by sneaking through a field of standing corn and then crossing a large harvested cornfield. My partner, Inspector Calvin Liehr, had been sent out to the road to prevent escape in that direction previously. I observed the two men crossing the harvested field with binoculars, and as they appeared headed for the house I attempted to cut them off. It was almost dark, but I was able to keep them located by using the binoculars. After seeing one of them trying to hide by squatting down between the rows I moved almost directly toward him. Because using binoculars causes loss of perspective and depth of perception I was much closer to the man than I realized. The other man had continued to angle toward the road and house. It was already dark when I heard a shot, felt a sting in my left thumb, and felt something strike my upper body (probably a wad). I realized I had been shot, shouted to Liehr to warn him, and attempted to locate my assailant. I thought he was behind me, and as I turned I pulled my revolver. I then saw the flame come from the gun, heard the blast, and was struck in the face

and head all at the same time. The gun was knocked from my hand and I was knocked down. I waited until I thought he had gone, found my gun, and went to the road. Liehr found me and drove me to Pittsfield in my car. About 7 miles out we had a flat causing the car to spin on the highway and ruined the tire. We flagged a passerby who was kind enough to take us into Pittsfield.

"I did not identify myself as I did not have occasion to do so to the violators. Because of their actions I thought they were boys, but it developed that my assailant was the owner of the farm, Hubert, who was hunting in a grove because he was all tuckered out. Undoubtedly the only reason he shot me was to keep from getting caught.

"I was struck by about 10 pellets, at least 16 of which are still in my head, 2 in my neck, and 2 in my chest, and 1 in my thumb. None have been removed and may never be. Two are behind my left eye and one is in the outer muscle of the right eye. The left eye was struck on its lower front by a pellet which bounced off, but it caused a perforation of the retina and considerable hemorrhaging within the eye. This perforation was repaired by using an extremely bright, hot light pinpointed on the retina through the pupil. It is called photo-coagulation and cauterizes the tissue of the retina to that underlying it preventing retinal displacement.

"The doctor has checked it and has found it to be satisfactory, but will examine my eye in a month to check on the progress of the absorption of the hemorrhage.

"Interestingly enough and also fortunately the photo-coagulation machine is one of two in this country, and the operation was performed by a world-renowned eye specialist.

"The two hunters, Hubert and Robert Motley, have been indicted for the assault, and it is possible that one other may be charged as an accessory.

"An excellent job was done in the apprehension of these men by the FBI, Pike County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Department of Conservation personnel, and Agent F. Charles Kniffin."

Incidentally, he has registered a strong protest because he was cancelled out of the Canadian banding assignment, and requests that he be assigned to this detail. Good evidence that he is recovering we believe.


F. H. Davis