

## Nicholasville Officer Killed While Investigating Shooting; Cops Hunt for Escaped Slayer

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### Paul Ketron, 32, Slain At House of Suspect Wanted in Wounding of Lexington Negro

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**NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., June 25 (Special)** -- Night Patrolman Paul Ketron, 32, was shot and killed about 5 o'clock today while investigating a shooting affray in which a Lexington Negro had been seriously wounded.

Night Police Chief Andrew Hemphill said Ketron was struck in the head by a bullet fired through a rear window of the home of Henry Murrell, Negro, in Herveytown, a colored section of Nicholasville. The bullet, apparently from a small-caliber pistol, went through the patrolman's head, killing him instantly.

Chief Hemphill said he and Ketron had gone to the Murrell home to question him in regard to the shooting about an hour earlier of Hershel Anderson, Negro, 35, of 447 Kenton Street, Lexington. Chief Hemphill said he went to the front door of the house and Ketron was assigned to guard the rear. The Chief said he heard a shot and found Ketron lying beneath a window when he ran around the building to investigate.

Ketron's slayer escaped from the building during the confusion following the shooting of the patrolman, Chief Hemphill said.

#### Police Notified

The Nicholasville night Chief called Lexington police headquarters immediately and had a report of the shooting broadcast over the police radio. Police throughout Central Kentucky were notified that Murrell was wanted for questioning in connection with the slaying of the patrolman and the wounding of the Lexington man.

City and county authorities at Nicholasville today were conducting a wide-spread search of the city districts and Jessamine County for Murrell.

Anderson told Lexington and Nicholasville police that he was returning to Lexington from the home of his father, Thomas Anderson, at Chenault Bridge in Boyle County, when a man in a passing car opened fire on him a short distance from Nicholasville. He named Murrell as the gunman and declared that the attacker fired his gun until it was empty.

The Lexington Negro was wounded in the back, below the right shoulder. After reporting the shooting to Nicholasville police, he collapsed and Chief Hemphill had Thomas (Baby) Lee, Nicholasville Negro, take the wounded man to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. Hospital attaches today described Anderson's condition as fair.

#### Formed Posse

As soon as Ketron's body had been removed from the scene of the shooting, Chief Hemphill organized a posse to search for his slayer, but no trace of the fugitive was found in the Jessamine County area.

It was at first thought that the escaped slayer had headed for Lexington after the shooting, but Lieut. Clyde O. Mattox and Patrolman James Glass of the Lexington Police Department,

who made a hurried trip to Nicholasville to assist in the investigation, saw no trace of him on the Lexington-Nicholasville Pike.

The slain patrolman, a nephew of William Ketron, retired Lexington patrolman, had been a member of the Nicholasville police force for three and a half years. Prior to that time, he was for several years connected with the State Highway Department. He attended St. Catherine Academy in Lexington and was graduated from the University school. He was a son of the late Pete and Anna Boland Ketron of Nicholasville, and was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Nicholasville.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dollie Ketron, whom he married 15 months ago.

Ketron's body was taken to the Guyn and Kurtz Funeral Home and later was removed to his home on Belle Avenue in Nicholasville.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at St. Luke's Catholic church, the Rev. Father Leo Egbring officiating. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Nicholasville. Bearers will be Bernard Moynahan, Arthur Schneider, Allen Reed, Carl Bruner, Benny Woodward and William Hanly.