

SLAYERS OF BUFFIN WERE AFTER NEPHEW

**Trouble Started At Negro Ball
Game; Buffin's Torso
Torn By Shot**

The men who killed Ike Buffin, negro farmer, near Waskom Saturday night were after Jim Buffin, nephew of Ike Buffin, special investigation has shown. No arrests have been made, but it is believed the parties are whites and are known.

The affair is said to have started at a negro baseball game about six miles from Waskom Saturday afternoon. A white man, who had been drinking, is said to have insulted several negro women and was struck in the face by the husband of one of the women.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday night a car with several men in it drove up the Waskom-Elysian Fields road, turned off into the Abney place and stopped in front of Ike Buffin's home. In answer to call from the men in the car, who said they were in trouble with their car, Ike Buffin, though only partially clothed, came from his house toward the car, but stopped before reaching it. The men commanded Buffin to get in the car, but Buffin refused.

"We'll blow you down if you don't" the men are said to have threatened. When Buffin refused again, the men shot him twice with a shot gun loaded with No. 6 shot. Buffin was hit in the lower part of the torso, the shot laying open his stomach and intestines. The men immediately drove off in their car.

It is thought the car of men came to Ike Buffin's house thinking that Jim Buffin, Ike's nephew was hidden there. Ike Buffin was not in the affair at the ball game.

Ike Buffin was buried Monday. He had the reputation of being one of the best colored citizens in that part of the county and was well liked by both negroes and whites. He had only one arm.

The grand jury is in session considering the slaying, but have not yet returned any indictments. Ranger Captain Nichols and Sheriff John Sanders have been at Waskom investigating the murder, but have not made any arrests. Indictments and arrests are expected today or tomorrow.