

Bandits Threaten Woman, Get \$1,000

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"Let's kill her. We've killed before."

Those words, spoken by one of two robbers, chilled a resident manager of an apartment project as she sat with her hands tied in a small room in southeast Atlanta Monday.

"I'll never forget those words—or the guns they carried," Mrs. Frances A. Williams said.

Mrs. Williams said that the younger of the Negro robbers objected to his companion's urge to kill. "But I don't want to kill her," he protested, telling her: "I ain't going to hurt you."

Detectives M. E. Moon and H. L. Whalen said the youthful robbers entered the rental office, located at 385 Sawtell Ave., SE, Monday afternoon and asked for employment.

As the resident manager was explaining that she was not in charge of employment, the youths suddenly pulled pistols. "Be quiet and hand over all the money," she was told.

Mrs. Williams was then shoved into a back room, where her hands were tied.

"I heard the older robber say, 'Kill her. We've killed before.' They then went through a safe and took out approximately \$1,000 in cash and more than \$2,000 in checks," Mrs. Williams related.

THE DETECTIVES said a maintenance employe entered the office as the robbers were preparing to leave. They ordered him at gunpoint to "be still."

One of the robbers was believed to be in his late teens, the other two or three years younger.