

## Suspect in Robbery Of Carto Is Acquitted

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An 18-year-old senior at Bell Vocational High School was acquitted late Thursday of charges that he robbed Willis A. Carto, founder of the Liberty Lobby, of \$100 Feb. 4.

The suspect, Louis E. Bennett, admitted at his trial that he was one of three men who accosted Carto and his wife Elizabeth on Independence Avenue se. as they walked to their car from a Capitol Hill restaurant.

But he insisted that he was forced to participate in the robbery by a stranger who accosted him at gunpoint and demanded his cooperation.

The jury in U.S. District Court deliberated only an hour before acquitting him.

Carto testified that he never

lost sight of his assailants from the time they took his wallet until police officers who saw the robbery captured them two blocks away.

When Carto caught up with the suspects the police had captured, he kicked Bennett in the posterior because "I was very angry," he said.

Police testimony supported Carto. The wallet, the cash, and Mrs. Carto's purse were recovered at the scene, police said.

One of the three suspects escaped and has never been identified. Bennett, who lives at 3520 13th st. se., said the one who escaped was the one who forced him to commit the robbery, and that he was pursuing him when stopped by the police.