

# Suspect Held 5-1 7-21-69 In Phone Booth Slaying Case

Jefferson Parish deputies said today they have arrested a 36-year-old Westwego man and booked him with the murder of a 32-year-old man shot June 17 while using a public telephone in Marrero.

Charged with the murder is Norman Bryant Eagan, 1218 Ave. A, Westwego, and 3023 14th st., N.W., Washington, D.C.

He is accused of the murder of Willie Dabney, 211 Puddle Ln., Westwego. Dabney, who had worked 15 years for a Harvey pipeline company, was the father of seven children.

DABNEY DIED June 18, the day after he was found beside the public phone with bullet wounds in the stomach and left leg.

Eagan was arrested by Westwego Ptn. Merlin Smith and Raymond Saturday after 6 p.m. when they responded to a complaint from the Fisherman's Paradise Inn, 375 Louisiana st., Westwego, that a man was pointing a gun at patrons.

Eagan was pointed out as the man who had allegedly pointed the gun at a patron and told him to "Take off your hat to me."

Smith and Ogeron found a .22 in Eagan's pocket. When they booked him with carrying a concealed weapon, Jefferson detectives said they felt Eagan might fit the description of the murder suspect in the Dabney case.

THEY OBTAINED a search warrant and in Eagan's home found another .22 believed to be the murder weapon.

Additionally, detectives said they found cards linking Eagan with groups associated with the American Nazi Party and other antisemitic, anti-Negro causes.

A witness in the Dabney murder told police that prior to the shooting, the witness was waiting for Dabney to finish using a public telephone outside the Happy Hour Bar, 7501 4th st., Marrero.

While the witness paced, waiting for Dabney to finish using the phone, he said a man called him to his car and asked if he wanted to use the phone.