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# Panther Raid Survivor Denies Holding Gun

CHICAGO (UPI) — A survivor of a police raid on a Black Panther apartment has testified she must have lied if she told a lawyer she had a shotgun in her hands when police stormed in.

Under persistent cross-examination yesterday, Brenda Harris said she could not remember details of a statement she allegedly gave an attorney for the Panthers 18 days after she was wounded in the raid Dec. 4, 1969.

She was on the stand in the trial of Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, one of his aides and 12 police officers, charged with conspiring to obstruct justice in the investigation that followed the raid. Two Panther leaders, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, were killed in the raid.

## Conflicts in Memoranda

George Cotsirilos, a defense lawyer, centered his questioning of Miss Harris, 21, on a statement she allegedly gave to lawyer Francis Andrew. The statement attributed to her said she grabbed a shotgun when police broke down the apartment door.

But she stuck to her earlier testimony that she did not have a gun. When passages were read of her alleged statement to Andrew, she repeatedly said she would not recall "specific questions and answers."

"If you had told Andrew that you grabbed a shotgun, would that have been the truth?" Cotsirilos asked.

"No, that would have been a lie," she replied.

## Other Statements

In the course of the stiff cross-examination, Cotsirilos referred to another interview which, he said, Miss Harris had with prosecution lawyers in January, 1971. A memorandum summarizing that interview indicated she had denied

seeing any guns in the living room of the apartment.

Under Cotsirilos' grilling, Miss Harris did acknowledge seeing guns in the living room and said that, if she had told the prosecution earlier there were no guns in the room, it was not true.

But she did not acknowledge having the 1971 interview with the prosecution team, and again said "I do not remember specific questions and answers."