

Turnpike Slayer Was Termed a Potential Suicide

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 A man who killed three persons on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Saturday and wounded 15 others before killing himself had been judged suicidal, according to his uncle.

Howard E. Johnson, a community program director here for the Ethical Culture Society, said yesterday in an interview that Donald Lambright, his nephew, had been told by a psychiatrist that he was a potential suicide and needed psychiatric help.

Lambright, 31 years old, was the son of Stepin Fetchit, the Negro comedian. Firing from his car for an hour, he killed his wife, Annette, and two other motorists and wounded 15 before turning his 30-caliber rifle upon himself.

One of the wounded persons was reported in critical condition yesterday in Harrisburg Hospital. He was Vincent Saitta, 35, of 6 Third Avenue, Farmingdale, L. I.

"About a year ago, I took

Donald to a psychiatrist," Mr. Johnson said. "He was told he needed help or he would commit suicide. Every time I saw him I tried to convince him to get psychiatric help, but he refused."

Mr. Johnson said that his nephew had been "very sensitive to infringement on the freedom of all people and almost paranoid about race relations."

He said that Lambright had been minister of education for

the New Republic of Africa, a Negro separatist organization.

He also said that his nephew had slept with a rifle in his bed. He said that Lambright had recently quit a \$10,000-a-year job at the Ohio state employment office in Cleveland.

Lambright was four years old when his parents were divorced. Six years later, his mother was married to Dr. Middleton H. Lambright, a Cleveland thoracic surgeon. Her son took the name of his stepfather.