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**Youth in Mrs. King Slaying
Says He Came on 'Mission'**

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ATLANTA, July 1—Marcus Wayne Chenault, the former college student accused of murdering the mother of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a church deacon yesterday, stood before an arraigning judge today and said he had been "sent here on a mission and it's partially accomplished."

Mr. Chenault was bound over for action by a grand jury. His attorney, Randy Bacote, attempted to enter pleas of no contest to two murder charges and several lesser counts, but was told that such a plea was unacceptable under Georgia law. Municipal Judge E. T. Brock entered pleas of "not guilty" to the two charges of murder, two of carrying concealed weapons and one of assault.

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turning his head to look over filled courtroom.

Most of the testimony at the morning hearing was provided by the Rev. Calvin Morris, the guest minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church yesterday. The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the slain civil rights leader, is pastor of the church. Dr. King's grave lies just east of the church.

Mr. Morris was asked if he knew the people killed. He replied that he did and was then asked if the person who did it was in the courtroom.

"Yes, sir," he said in a low, unemotional voice, pointing a finger at Mr. Chenault, inches from his face, "this man here." Mr. Morris said moments before that he recalled standing at the pulpit and looking to his left and seeing a man standing on a pew, a gun in each hand, firing.

The defendant himself, asked about the shooting, replied: "I'm a Hebrew and was sent here on a mission and it's partially accomplished."

After his arrest yesterday, Mr. Chenault, who was a junior at Ohio State University before dropping out in January, told the police that he had received "orders from his god" to come to Atlanta and kill Mr. King.

Assumed He Shot

Asked in court today if he had shot anyone, he replied, "I assume I did; I assume I shot someone."

Mr. Chenault, whose apart-

ment door in Columbus, Ohio, bore the name "Servant Jacob," was said by some of those who knew him to have a strong but confused and often incoherent religious interest. In the Bible, God speaks directly to "Servant Jacob," also called Israel, and tells him he will prevail over his enemies. Jacob, however, is peaceful.

The police in Columbus, Ohio, reported that they had found a list in Mr. Chenault's apartment near the campus naming 10 persons, mostly civil rights leaders.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who succeeded Dr. King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said after a visit to Mr. Chenault's cell in the Atlanta jail yesterday that he was on the list. Mr. Abernathy said that the black youth had also told him that there was "a conspiracy to get all the civil rights leaders."

The police say there is no evidence to support a conspiracy theory. Nonetheless, the police and other authorities in Atlanta, Dayton, Ohio, where Mr. Chenault's parents live, and



Marcus Wayne Chenault Jr., seized in the fatal shootings in Atlanta Sunday, being put in a police van by Police Officer C. G. Solomon after being arraigned yesterday.

Columbus continued to investigate the possibility as a precaution. A 24-hour guard has also been placed around the King home.

After the arraignment today, Mr. Chenault was moved from the heavily guarded Atlanta jail to the Fulton County jail, the normal procedure after arraignment.

His attorney, Mr. Bacote, who said he had been retained to represent Mr. Chenault by "parties [in Atlanta] who did not want to be named," asserted that no determination had been made on what plea would ultimately be entered when his client came to trial.

"First," he said, "we must determine his state of mind."