

Brown Is Arraigned in Hospital In Robbery and Murder Attempt

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A Criminal Court judge went to H. Rap Brown's bedside in Roosevelt Hospital yesterday to arraign him on robbery and attempted murder charges to fix bail at \$250,000.

The black militant was hit by two bullets in a shootout with the police early last Saturday after a robbery in the Red Carpet Lounge on West 85th Street. Brown and three others are charged with the robbery.

During the unusual arraignment procedure yesterday, the defendant curtly rejected the services of William M. Knustler, civil rights lawyer, declaring that "He ain't my lawyer."

However, the judge, James M. Yeargin, directed Mr. Knustler, who is representing the other defendants, to be Brown's attorney for the arraignment.

The patient, his head shaved and with a plastic tube inserted in his nose, lay placidly through most of the 12-minute proceedings but continued to deny being Brown.

He insisted that he was Roy Williams, but a woman, identified by the police and hospital officials as his wife, was standing by him, occasionally applying compresses to his head. In

addition, a man identified as his brother Sam was in the heavily guarded hospital room.

The police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation say that fingerprints identified the defendant positively as Brown. He dropped out of sight a year and a half ago while on the F.B.I.'s most-wanted list as a fugitive in a Maryland case involving arson and incitement to riot.

Maryland Prosecutor Fined

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ELLIOTT CITY, Md., Oct. 20 —A prosecutor who said a pending arson charge against H. Rap Brown was "fabricated" was found guilty today of contempt of court and fined \$350.

A panel of two judges decided that Richard L. Kinlein, the Howard County State's Attorney, violated a judicial order prohibiting statements "prejudicial to a fair trial."

Brown was charged with arson, rioting and inciting to riot after a racial disturbance in Cambridge, Md., in July, 1967. The indictments were handed down by a grand jury on evidence presented by William B. Yates 2d, the Dorchester County State's Attorney.