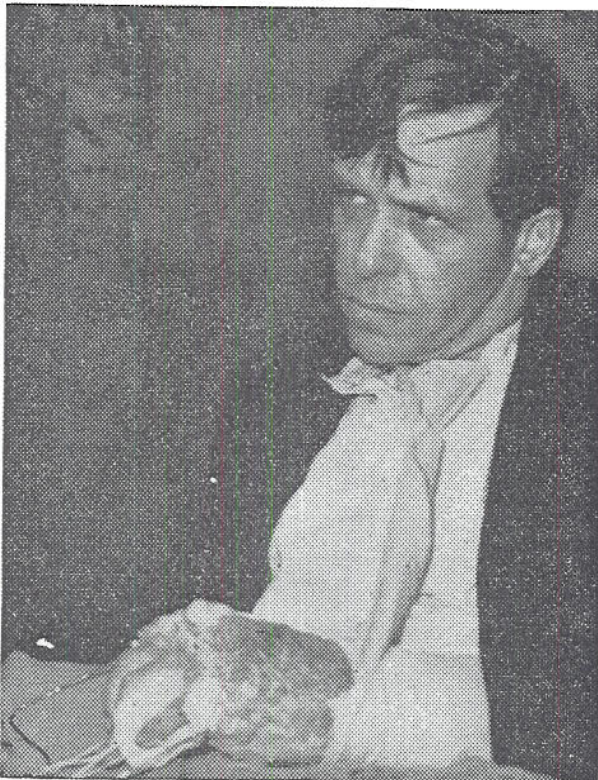


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**ON WAY TO COURT:** Garrett B. Trapnell leaving hospital here yesterday for arraignment for his alleged part in hijacking Saturday of a Trans World Airlines 707 jet.

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## Jetliner Hijacker Admits Guilt, Is Committed for Mental Testing

The hijacker of a Los Angeles-to-New York jetliner who was shot and captured at Kennedy International Airport on Saturday admitted his guilt in an outburst at his arraignment yesterday and was subsequently remanded to Bellevue Hospital for 30 days of psychiatric evaluation.

The defendant, Garrett Brock Trapnell, was ordered to Bellevue by Federal Judge Edward R. Neaheer following an arraignment before United States Magistrate Max Schiffman.

Appearing before the magistrate in the Federal Courthouse in Brooklyn on his 34th birthday, Trapnell caused a stir by declaring that he did not need a lawyer.

When Edward J. Boyd, chief of the criminal division of the United States Attorney's office, told Magistrate Schiffman that Trapnell's family in Miami had retained Nathaniel L. Barone Jr., as his lawyer, Trapnell responded vigorously:

"I didn't retain Mr. Barone. There's no need for a grand

jury indictment against me, no need to drag this on any further. I'm the one who committed the crime."

He continued in this vein despite warnings by the magistrate that anything he said could be used against him.

"Everyone knows I'm the one who did it," Trapnell replied. "Why waste the Government's time and money and go through all this rigamarole? Everybody wants to know why I did it I'd like to make a statement. I'll tell them why I did it."

The defendant scorned the magistrate's assignment of a Legal Aid Society lawyer to represent him.

Mr. Boyd disclosed that Trapnell had a record of arrests dating to 1958 and had received psychiatric treatment in nine hospitals following arrests for bank robbery, kidnaping and airplane theft.

An agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation told the magistrate that Trapnell had \$2,174 in cash when he was shot by an agent posing as a crew member aboard the hijacked Trans World Airlines 707 jetliner. Two bullets struck the hijacker, one just below the wrist, the other between the wrist and elbow.

Magistrate Schiffman ordered Trapnell, who was wearing a cast on his wounded left arm, to appear before Judge Neaheer to determine whether a sanity examination was warranted. The judge then sent him to Bellevue for mental tests and observation.