

Killing Suspect 'Good-Natured Guy'

Columbus, Ohio

The accused killer of Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. was described here yesterday as a good-natured youth who used to preach religious sermons on a loud speaker from his apartment window — a practice which once cost him a \$50 fine.

Marcus Wayne Chenault, 23, of Dayton, Ohio, an Ohio State University student, was accused of shooting three persons, two of whom died, including Mrs. King, during a church service in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday morning.

"Marcus had a religion all of his own," said Richard Kish, an Ohio State University senior who lived next to Chenault's campus area apartment house.

"He would pick a little bit from every religion," said Kish. "He used to read a lot about the Moslem religion especially. And he spent a lot of time alone and didn't have a lot of close friends.

"But," added Kish, "he was good natured. He would preach out of the window on a stereo system he set up. He would preach and then laugh — a laugh like 'Ha! I have the neighborhood going again.'"

"Marcus would say one thing early in the day and then change his mind later in the day," Kish added.

Chenault worked for a few



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MARCUS CHENAULT
The suspect in 1969

weeks this spring at the MCL cafeteria in suburban Upper Arlington.

"I told one of the managers the kid was a psycho," said Sally Gallagher, a cashier at the cafeteria.

"He started on the black racist business a few days before he quit. He said all leaders of the black movement didn't know anything," Mrs. Gallagher said. "He said he was going to quit school. He was jiving all the time."

Chenault was listed in the student directory from the past school year as a major in professional education.

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