

Mrs. King Suspect Indicted

ATLANTA, July 9 (AP)—A Fulton County grand jury indicted Marcus Wayne Chenault today on two counts of murder and one of aggravated assault in the June 30 shooting at Ebenezer Baptist Church in which Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. was killed.

The indictment was returned only hours after Superior Court Judge Sam P. McKenzie ordered Chenault, 23, of Dayton, to undergo psychiatric examinations to determine if he is mentally competent to stand trial.

Earlier in the day McKenzie refused a plea from Chenault's attorney, Randy Bacote, to block the grand jury from hearing testimony in the case until the medical reports were in.

District Attorney Lewis Slaton presented three witnesses to the grand jury, including the Rev. Calvin S. Morris, who was in the pulpit when the shooting began. The other witnesses were Derek King, a grandson of Mrs. King who helped subdue the gunman, and Atlanta police detective Berlyn Compton.

McKenzie ordered the psychiatric tests for Chenault to begin immediately.

Chenault was to be transferred for the tests from Fulton County jail to Grady Hospital, where Mrs. King and two other victims of the shooting were taken.

Edward Boykin, a church deacon, was killed in the shooting. A woman, Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell, was wounded.

McKenzie ordered the examinations to determine whether Chenault is "mentally capable" of assisting Bacote in preparation of his defense; whether Chenault could determine between right and wrong at the time of the alleged offense, and "any other pertinent matter relating to accused's mental capability of standing trial for said offense or offenses."

In a motion filed Monday, Bacote had asked that Slaton be prohibited from presenting evidence to the grand jury pending the results of the medical reports.

But McKenzie said that request was premature because Georgia law requires that mental competency and related issues must be raised before a trial jury.