

Karpa, John

Police Say Discharged G-I Attacked Parents With Knife, Iron; Father In Hospital JUL 27 1945

A former G.I., John Karpa, 23, of 1514 Columbia Street, whom his father claims received a medical discharge some time ago, allegedly attacked his parents with an electric iron and butcher knife late last night, inflicting injuries that necessitated hospitalization for the elder Karpa, and dispensary treatment for his wife.

Suffering with severe lacerations of the scalp, the father of the youth was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by Officers Michael Filaseta and Anthony Julian. According to their report, it required 20 stitches to close the wounds.

The wife and mother suffered a scalp laceration that necessitated suturing. She also complained of ankle and elbow injuries.

Taken into custody, the ex-G.I. is charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and aggravated assault and battery. He is detained at police headquarters pending a further investigation.

Detalled at the Columbia Street address about 1:25 a. m. today to investigate the breaking of a window pane, the officers reported that they found Karpa lying on the floor of the living room, and in an adjoining room they discovered a pool of blood, with the electric iron and butcher knife nearby. There were traces of blood on the knife according to the authorities.

In their search for the victims, the officers found the young man's father lying on a bed on the second floor, bleeding from the wounds. They rushed him to the hospital. A further search located the wife and mother on a porch in the rear of the home of a daughter living at 1508 Columbia Street. They also took her to the hospital.

In their investigations the officers learned that young Karpa is said to have arrived home last night in an intoxicated condition, and when scolded by his parents, he attacked them.

Interviewed at St. Luke's Hospital this morning by Michael Fox, captain of detectives, the victim told the officer that he believes his son hit him with the electric iron. He did not state what caused his wife's injuries.

Some time later, the prisoner told the officer that he did not know what happened. About 18 months ago, Officers Edward Cottage and Michael Filaseta arrested the discharged soldier for breaking furni-

ture at his home. Arraigned in Northampton County court at that time, he was sentenced to jail. It is likely that he will get a mental examination, the authorities say.

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