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Suspect in Man's Killing Quoted as Having No Regret

Officer Testifies Maurice Briggs Admitted Firing Two Shots Into Chest of Former Film Producer

"Am I sorry I shot him? Yes—I'm sorry I can't do it again."

With those words, Maurice (Mike) Briggs, 25-year-old ex-convict, reportedly shrugged off the slaying last Feb. 21 of Nat. Ross, 36, former film producer, a police officer testified at Briggs' preliminary trial on a murder charge yesterday.

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED

C. O. Harris, who arrested the suspect at 17th St. and Grand Ave., five blocks from the scene of the shooting in a rag factory where Ross was night superintendent, said Briggs offered no resistance and admitted firing two shots into his victim's chest.

Questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. Evan Lewis Jr. brought a description of the killing from Mrs. Mary Sanders, an eyewitness.

"I saw Briggs walking up and down outside the door to the factory," she said. "Someone told Mr. Ross that Briggs wanted to see him and as he went toward the door, Briggs stepped in with a rifle and fired two shots."

WIFE PROTECTED

"Neither of them said anything. I hustled Briggs' wife Betty into the rest room because I was afraid he might try to kill her, too."

Briggs, who told police he shot Ross because he believed the latter to be "chasing around"

with his estranged wife, was ordered by Municipal Judge Irvin Taplin to face Superior Court trial and was remanded to the County Jail without bail.