

Shaver Admission of Guilt Introduced by Prosecutor

BRADY, Sept. 29 (Spl).—An allegedly voluntary statement in which Airman Jimmy N. Shaver said he must be responsible for the death of little Chere Jo Horton because he took her in his car was introduced in Shaver's murder trial as the state rested its case here late Wednesday afternoon.

Defense testimony, expected to last most of the day Thursday, will begin at 8:30 a. m. in 35th District Court here.

The statement, introduced by

District Attorney Austin Anderson, declared, "If she was raped and if she is dead then I must be responsible since I was the one who picked her up and put her in my car."

Anderson said the statement was taken from Shaver on the afternoon of July 4.

The district attorney also read another statement, which he said Shaver made earlier that day, which implicated Airman Sumpter Brawley, a friend of Shaver at Lackland Air Force Base.

But the second statement retracted the first and related that Brawley had been returned to the base before Shaver allegedly picked up 3-year-old Chere Jo in front of a San Antonio tavern the night of July 3.

Defense attorneys attempted through cross-examination to break down the statement by questioning on whether Shaver had been beaten and questioned for long hours at the time he gave the statement.

Oscar Warnke, chief investigator for Bexar County sheriff's office, denied Shaver had been beaten and Dr. G. D. Boyd, Bexar County health officer, testified he examined Shaver on July 4 and said the airman showed no evidence of bruises and there was no indication he had suffered any blows.

Other witnesses Wednesday included Jimmie Whitehead, Charlie Theall and Benny F. Jones, all of whom testified they were camping near the gravel pit where Chere Jo's body was found when Shaver approached their auto.

They said he was perspiring heavily and out of breath and that he had scratches on his arms.

Postmaster Held For Embezzling Dimes Drive Fund

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29 (AP) The Monterey, Cal., postmaster was arrested Wednesday and will be charged with embezzling about \$800 in March of Dimes polio funds he collected, U. S. Attorney Lloyd Burke announced.

He quoted the postmaster, Boyd Beall, 53, as telling postal inspectors he used the money on home repairs but had no intent of retaining it.

Burke said charges will be filed before U. S. Commissioner James A. Jeffrey in Salinas of:

1. Embezzling \$800 of money he collected as chairman of the March of Dimes fund in Monterey County.

2. Making false statements to postal inspectors.

Beall has been a postal employe since 1939, was appointed postmaster June 30, 1948.

In event of conviction, the maximum punishment for em-