

WIDOW BOUND, ROBBED; TWO 'FRIENDS' HELD

Accuses Pair of Invading
Apartment, Fleeing With
\$7,000 in Loot.

A man and woman described as
friends by Mrs. Effie Bull, 1540
North Meridian street, Apartment
3, are held today on charges of robbing
her Monday afternoon after
binding her in the apartment.

The estimated value of the loot,
a brooch, ring and fur coat, at
\$7,000, but police declare the value
is \$1,000.

Those held in the case are John
Cochran, 25, of the Meridian
street address, charged with vagrancy
and drunkenness, and Mrs. Emily
Watkins, 77, of 1129 North
Alabama street, charged with robbery,
larceny and vagrancy.

Cochran was arrested by police
early today after he failed to thumb
a ride in a police car in the 6700
block, East Washington street. The
brooch with the ring fastened into
it was found on the inside of Cochran's
coat lapel, officers said.

In a statement to police, Mrs.
Bull, widow of Dr. John H. Bull,
said Cochran came to the apartment
about 1:30 Monday afternoon and
asked for money. She gave him a
check for \$10, which police
say was recovered with the jewelry.

Joined by Woman, Is Charge

Shortly after Cochran used a
telephone, Mrs. Bull said Mrs. Watkins,
estranged wife of John F. Watkins,
an attorney, came to the apartment.

Cochran continued his pleas for
money, but after repeated refusals
declared:

"In that case, I'll take it."

Mrs. Bull said she was bound with
picture wire, paper was stuffed in
her mouth and a towel tied around
her face. Cochran had some adhesive
tape delivered from a drug
store on his phone order with which
he completed the binding, she told
police.

Arrested at Home

Mrs. Bull's plight was discovered
two hours later by persons who
called the apartment custodian who
released her.

Mrs. Watkins was taken into custody
at her home, and Harold Sollee,
41, of 1230 North Alabama street,
said to have been her guest, is being
held in a cell.

Patrolmen Melvin Wilkerson and
Charles Clemens were cruising in a
police car about 4 this morning in the
6700 block, East Washington street
when Cochran thumbed for a ride. The officers seized Cochran
and said they found the ring, brooch
and \$10 check. The fur coat reported
missing has not been recovered.

Member of Old Family

According to the officers, who had
not been notified of the robbery of
Mrs. Bull, various stories were told
by Cochran regarding the jewelry.
He first said it was the property of
an aunt, and later that his mother
owned it.

The brooch, set with a large emerald
and ten small diamonds, has a
value of \$3,500 according to Mrs.
Bull; the ring, made of platinum
and set with diamonds, \$3,000, and
the coat, made of seal skin, \$500.

Mrs. Bull, member of an old Indianapolis
family, was "Miss Indiana" during a
celebration when General Foch,
commander of the allied armies, visited Indianapolis after
the World war.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen
belong to:

Francis Ansky, 4608 North Keystone
avenue; Chevrolet coach, 1932, from
Timothy family, 1200 North Meridian street.

Holiday Coal and Oil Company, 1200 East
Thirtieth street; Dodge coupe, 21-537, from
10th and Market street.

Mary Johnson, 215 North Twelfth street; Ford
coupe, 40-485, from 200 Virginia avenue.

Frank Graham, 814 Marion avenue;
Ford roadster, 37-255, from garage in rear of
814 Marion street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police

belong to:

Edna Cobb, 133 North Belmont avenue;
Oldsmobile coach, found at Stilesville, Ind.

John H. Hulier, 2824 Wheeler street; Overland
touring car, 1932, from 10th and Haute.

Ford roadster, 79-706, found in front of
1566 South Talbot street.

W. J. Sullivan, 6010 Haefner avenue;
Plymouth sedan, 1932, from 18th and
Sixty-third street and Allisonville road.

Floyd Ayres, 2330 North Dearborn street;
Chevrolet sedan, found at Forty-second
street and Sherman drive.

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