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SIXTH BANDIT SUSPECT UNDER POLICE GRILLING

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Detectives responsible for the capture of five members of an alleged gang, charged with fourteen robberies in Indianapolis, announced today that Ted West, 19, of 2037 Ludlow avenue, now in jail charged with vagrancy, will be questioned about an attempted pay roll robbery on the Hugh McK. Landon estate on July 7.

In alleged confessions, said by police to have been made today by James Turner, 51, of the 200 block Ludlow avenue, and his son Richard, 21, who with Paul Parker, 21, of the 1200 block East Sixteenth street, were bound over to the grand jury on \$5,000 bonds. West is alleged to have discussed the proposed holdup with them two weeks before it was attempted.

According to police, both Turners, in their purported confessions, stated that West, a former employee of the Leslie Collier Construction Company, is alleged to have given them details concerning the pay roll which arrived weekly at the Landon estate on Spring Mill road.

When the bandits missed the pay roll there July 7, they robbed Ray Mobley, manager of the company of \$75 and curried and kicked Hugh McK. Landon, banker, because he had only some change on his person.

Two other Indianapolis youths, accused as members of the alleged gang, are held at Muncie. William Allen Shaw, 19, was sentenced to serve ten years in the Indiana state prison after being convicted Tuesday in Muncie, and Noble Clavcomb, 30, who with Shaw lived in the 1200 block North State avenue, is awaiting trial there charged with robbery.

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