

Shot by Policeman

Johnnie Robinson, 16, was shot by a policeman during a rock throwing incident and Virgil Ware 13, was shot in the face and chest while riding on a bicycle with his brother, James, 16.

Two white youths, Larry Joe Sims and Michael Lee Farley, both 16, were charged with murder in connection with Ware's death. A preliminary hearing was held Friday and the youths were bound over to a grand jury without bond.

Coroner J. O. Butler said he would ask for a grand jury investigation into Robinson's death. He said his preliminary investigation showed the youth died from a shotgun blast fired by policeman Jack Parker and that some testimony showed "Parker fired while performing his duties as a policeman for the city."

"I just don't know why the police would have to shoot a boy in the back who was alleged to have been throwing rocks," the Rev. A. D. King said, "These policemen were wearing helmets and were armed and carrying billy sticks. They could have stopped him without shooting."