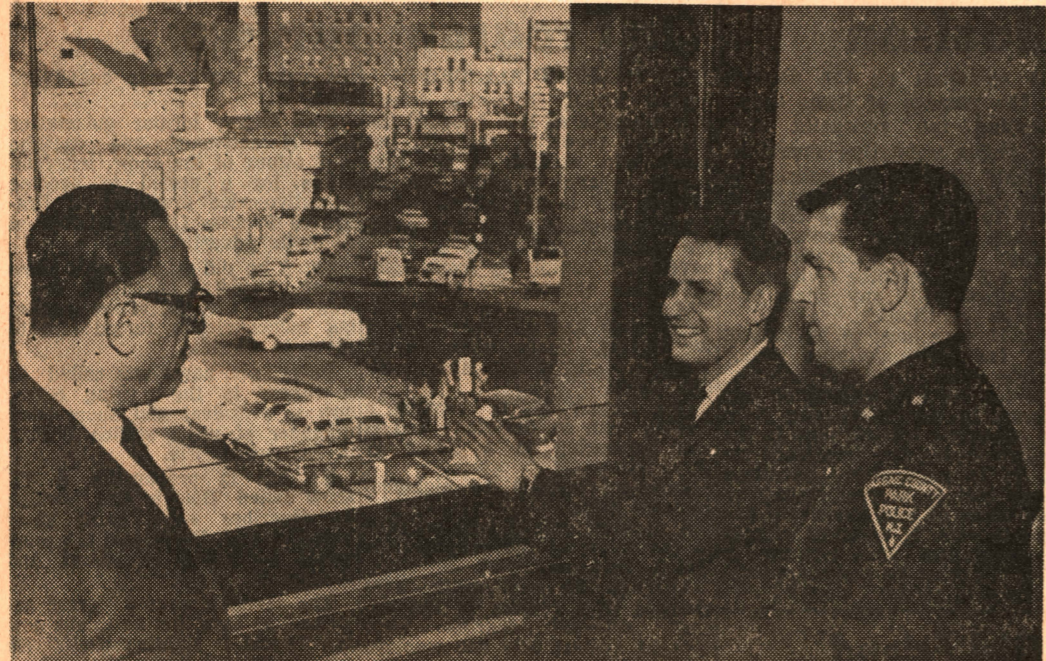


# Scenes In Manhunt and Subsequent Capture Of Escaped Convicts



COUNTY PROSECUTOR John G. Thevos, (left), stands at the window in the prosecutor's office from which he observed the break of convicts. Joseph Donatelli, assistant prosecutor, and Park Police officer Paul Cannarella, both of whom observed the escape with Thevos, re-enacted their positions at the window yesterday. Donatelli, left hand raised to the window, indicates the parking lot gate through which the escapees fled.



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TYPICAL OF the house to house inspection made by police in the Ramsey area was this scene above at 200 Canterbury Dr., Ramsey. Detectives questioned residents about the escaped convicts and warned them to keep their houses locked. Shown above behind the locked door is 10-year-old Jim Gerweck who was home alone with his dog. On the left is County Investigator Andrew Picarelli. On the right are County Detective Chief Adam Reiser and Sgt. Stephen Karbach, station commander of the State Police at Paramus.



STATE PRISON guard Joseph Sadovy gestures as he tells Passaic County Detective Lieutenant Vincent De Simone how Michael Salvi and Abraham Prins overpowered him and guard E. John Hatrok to make good their escape yesterday. Left to right Andrew Lindy Piccarelli, county investigator; De Simone, Hatrok and Sadovy.

## A Christmas Landscape--A Deadly Search

ALLENDALE — In the dark, the brook ran casually along between snowy banks toward distant pine trees standing grim and austere against the white sugary plain.

The mood should have been a quiet country one, but instead it had been penetrated by the red flashing eyes of police cars, and the determined voices of men seeking a criminal on the loose.

It was 2 a.m., and cold. Along the facade of the local elementary school, lights played back and forth and back again. The report on the police radio said a broken window had been found at the school. Further investigation revealed two buttons and a trail of blood.

But despite the lights, and an intensive search by local, county and state police the man who had escaped his guards in Pat-

erson the day before could not be found.

Even so the search continued. Then an officer shouted that a man had been sighted behind a house on Hillside Avenue. The police vehicles roared into action. Lights sought out hiding places in the back of homes, in small clumps of trees, but again, no success.

This time, though, officers were sure they had found the man's tracks. They followed them behind a house, out in front of the house, behind a garage. An older man came out with an overcoat hurriedly thrown over his pajamas. A large black dog was inside the garage.

"The dog's deaf," the man said. "He's 15 years old. Go ahead, look in the car too if you want." The garage was empty. The black dog went back inside.

Stubbornly officers played their flashlights over the ground for more and fresher tracks. They found some, but everywhere they seemed to lead to a dead end.

"He's probably up in the tree," declared local Patrolman Andrew Baum, just like the kids at Hallowe'en. They climb the trees and I walk under them. I never look up." This time, though, he did. Nervously. So did the other officers. And the reporters Abraham Prins, the man who had escaped, wasn't there.

Apparently he had disappeared. It was 4 a.m. The voices had become subdued, and the cold had gotten inside the bone. The voices suggested that no one (without an overcoat) could stand this cold for long.

Even so the deadly competition between the hunters and hunted would go on. Soon it would be 7. The darkness would lift.

## Slayer Caught In Allendale

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Ave., Allendale. Detectives theorized that Prins tried to break into the school to make a phone call. They found a trail of blood there and two buttons which they said appeared to come from the blue suit he was wearing.

A 10-mile square area around Allendale was blocked off by scores of police. Firemen, Civil Defense workers and policemen scoured the area of Crestwood Lake during the night using huge

the area of Allendale which is south of Ramsey.

As soon as detectives decided the convicts were probably in the Ramsey area, they set up headquarters in a small back room of the Ramsey police station which is across the street from Ramsey High School.

County Detective Chief Adam Reiser was in command and was assisted by County Detective Lt. Vincent De Simone, County Detectives Frank Stevens, and Walter Porter, County Investigator Andrew "Lindy" Picarelli, Ramsey Chief Robert A. Doremus, state, county and local police from Ramsey and neighboring

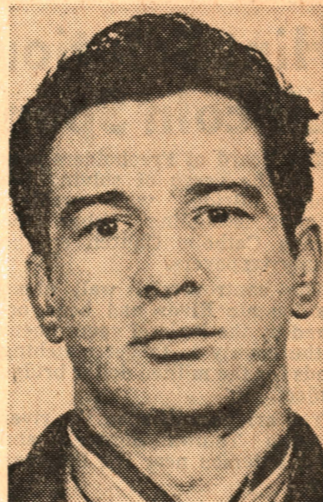
them: "Where's your coat? It's cold outside."

The convict replied: "We're rugged."

Prins stretched out on the back seat and smoked a cigaret while Salvi sat behind the driver, he told police.

Although they placed the convicts in Ramsey, police still were not discounting the theory that they may have gotten away "as far as 200 or 300 miles."

Reiser noted that Prins once worked at a diner in Monroe, N. Y., as a short-order cook and he said there were roadblocks as far north as that area, including on the New York Thruway which is not far from Ramsey.



MICHAEL SALVI  
Convicted slayer who was recaptured in Allendale.

## Police Guard At Homes of

## Where Did Fugitives Get Key to Cuffs?

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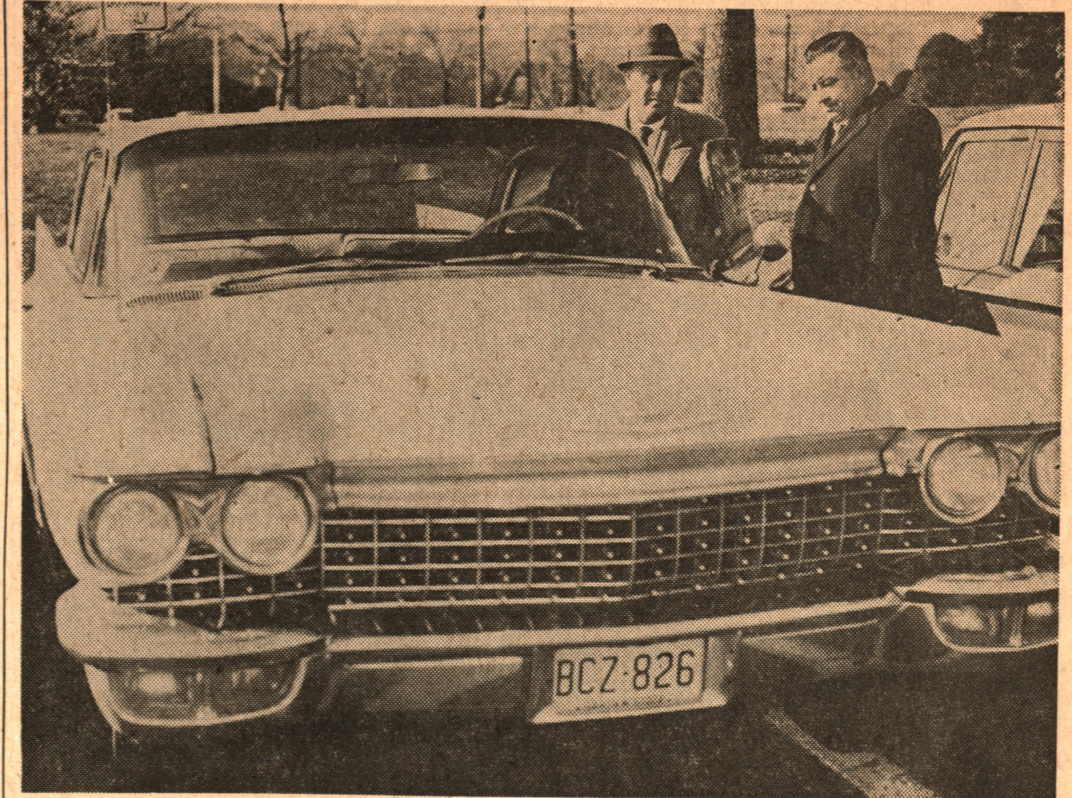
Sgt. George Doll, experts in custody and restraint, were sent to Paterson to investigate.

Referring to the bold escape made by the prisoners yesterday morning from downtown Paterson, Dr. McCorkle said he views the episode as "something well planned in advance which was helped by a series of lucky breaks for the convicts."

Dr. McCorkle, in an exclusive interview with the Evening News, theorized that the "lucky breaks" may have begun at a service station near Hightstown early yesterday when the two-door Ford car bearing the prisoners to Paterson had to stop because of an overheated engine.

"One of the officers says he went into the station to get water for the radiator. That left only one officer with the two men. Maybe it was the human factor. He could have looked at the motor. Maybe he lit a cigarette. The fact is, there were several minutes at that stop when only one officer was watching."

Could that one officer have



THIS IS the commandeered car that escaped convicts took over after overpowering State Prison guards at the entrance of the Passaic County Court House parking lot. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Del Negro of 432 Lakeview Ave., Clifton, were held as hostages in the car until they reached Glen Rock where the convicts abandoned them and the car. Shown above inspecting the vehicle are County Detective Chief Adam Reiser and County Detective Chris De Pree. The car was kept at the Glen Rock police station parking lot until Mr. and Mrs. Del Negro reclaimed it.

