

# TAMPA MORNING TRIBUNE

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## GRAND JURY TAKES REST UNTIL JUNE

Indicts Dechedue for Murder of Antonio Urso

*Still at Work on Ficarrota Case and Will Begin Where Left Off When Reconvenes on June 14*

After bringing in an indictment against Antonio Dechedue, charging him with the murder of Antonio Urso in West Tampa last December, the grand jury yesterday decided to take a recess until June 14, each member being in great need of rest, having been kept at high tension ever since that body convened. On June 14, the grand jury will take up the thread of business where they left off yesterday.

The murder of Antonio Urso is still fresh in the minds of Tampanians, despite the two similar affairs which have occurred since. Urso was attending a christening at a house in West Tampa, when a man, afterwards declared to be Dechedue, appeared at the gate and requested some one to call Urso. As soon as the latter appeared, Dechedue engaged him in conversation at the gate, and then emptied a pistol into him.

### Dechedue Escaped

In the quickly gathering twilight, Dechedue made his escape, being followed by officers and citizens for some distance. The West Tampa police and the sheriff's office immediately went to work on the case, but Dechedue had hidden himself securely. He has never since been heard from and it is believed that he has been able to make his way safely to Sicily.

Although the most strenuous work has been done on the Ficarrota case, there remains much yet to be investigated, and it is partly for the purpose of awaiting new developments that the grand jury yesterday decided to take adjournment. Scores of witnesses have been examined, and much of an interested and sensational nature has already been found out, but it is believed that more startling information will shortly be on tap.

### Another Postponement

Another postponement was yesterday taken in the LaCarse contempt case, Col. Robert McNamee, representing the man and the two women, asking that the case be again postponed until 9 o'clock this morning, on account of the illness of one of the women. Dr. Helms was directed to investigate her condition and will endeavor to put her in shape to appear in court this morning.

Regarding LaCarse himself, Colonel McNamee asked that he be allowed his freedom on bond; State's Attorney Phillips strenuously opposing this action and declared that public sentiment is emphatically against allowing bond for LaCarse on account of numerous disturbances which have taken place of late and on account of the strong belief that LaCarse is implicated in the Ficarrota murder.

### Judge Grants Bond

Judge Wall yesterday morning refused to grant bond to LaCarse, but later reconsidered his decision and allowed him to be released under bond of \$1,000. Whenever the case is tried, Colonel McNamee will make a vigorous fight in his behalf and on behalf of his wife and mother-in-law, who are also under charges of having interfered with Mrs. Rometta, a witness before the grand jury in the Ficarrota case.

The trial of the case is looked forward to with interest, and after the three are arraigned on the contempt charge before Judge Wall, they will be arraigned before County Judge Graham on a charge of assault with intent to murder, Mrs. Rometta having sworn out a warrant making this charge.