

TAMPA MORNING TRIBUNE

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CHIRAMENTE AND NEGRO GET LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Motions for New Trials in Both Cases Overruled by Judge Wall and Ninety Days Allowed for Bill

Orniferio Chiramente, recently convicted of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for mercy in connection with the killing of B. LaBella, the wealthy New York Italian commission merchant, and Will Barton, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Joe Butler, another negro, in St. Petersburg, were yesterday morning brought before Judge Joseph B. Wall to be sentenced. Both were given life imprisonment.

Attorneys in both cases made motions for new trials, but both motions were overruled and ninety days allowed for the filing of a bill of exceptions in case it is decided to make an appeal to the Supreme Court. That an appeal will be made is hardly thought probable, but seems to be more probable in the case of the negro whose plea in the killing was self-defense. The general opinion seems to be that, should an appeal be taken and a new trial ordered by the Supreme Court, that Chiramente would be found guilty without a recommendation for mercy.