

Ex-Beard Aide Hangs Self in D.C. Apartment

**William C. Carroll Is 2d
Gambler to Take Own
Life in 2 Weeks.**

William C. Carroll, once a lieutenant of Sam Beard, former overlord of the Washington underworld, was found dead last night in his apartment at 2807 Connecticut avenue northwest. He had hanged himself with a leather belt.

The 38-year-old Carroll was the second Washington gambler in less than two weeks to "take the easy way out." Carroll P. "Nubby" Nuckols shot himself January 8 in his apartment, also on Connecticut avenue.

Carroll's body was found by his wife, Mrs. Elinor Mae Campbell, who has been living recently at 1539 I street northwest. His body was slumped on the bathroom floor, a leather belt, with one end tied to a doorknob, noosed about the neck. He was dressed in underwear and pajama trousers.

Doctors said that Carroll had been dead for about two days. Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald issued a certificate of suicide.

Carroll, twice arrested on gambling charges here, had been a resident of Washington for 18 years. He had previously lived in Buffalo, N. Y., and had once been a bookie at the Saratoga race track.

Carroll was arrested here on October 5, 1934, when police raided the Mather Building suite and confiscated a huge 60-telephone switchboard, racing and numbers slips, cards and dice. Arrested along with him were his chief, Sam

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Beard, and 11 other of Beard's henchmen.

Beard and his 12 associates were finally convicted on gambling charges and in April, 1936, they began their sentences. Beard went to Atlanta while his underlings, Carroll among them, were sent to Lorton to serve sentences of from one to three years.

Carroll, along with nine other men convicted with Beard, was paroled in May, 1937.

Carroll's suicide came shortly after his former chief had been ordered returned to Atlanta after a brief sojourn at Lorton. Beard was ordered sent back to a Federal penitentiary after the Washington Criminal Justice Association had expressed fear that the former gambler might be able, from the wall-less reformatory, to regain control of gambling rackets.

For several years after the war Carroll, known then as "Billy," was clubhouse boy for the Washington ball team.