

James Wilson

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LETTER CARRIER SHOOTS HIMSELF HERE EARLY TODAY

Recent illness which brought on financial difficulties is believed to have been the cause of James W. Wilson, colored letter carrier, ending his life early today by sending a bullet from a 32-20 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver through his body.

Although Wilson left a note to his wife, he did not indicate in it why he intended to shoot himself, investigating police said. The note, a very short one, evidently written a short time before he fired the revolver, merely gave directions for his funeral and discussed a few business matters.

Wilson fired the shot into his abdomen at this home 1503 J street early this morning. He was carried to the City Hospital in an ambulance and died while on the operating table.

A carrier at the local post office for more than 25 years, Wilson was one of the best known and popular of the colored postal employees. For a number of years he had been assigned to a route in the business section of the city, and all those he served praised him for his efficient service. Previously he delivered parcel post in all sections of the city and therefore was well known by the people of the city generally.

Fellow workers at the post office appeared shocked by his act. Some of his friends said he had been ill in recent weeks, and they attributed that as the cause for hi act. Officials at the post office said he was a very capable employee.