

# Jordan Found Guilty on Gun, Bomb Charges

**Sentencing Deferred; Defense Files Motion For A New Trial**

Samuel R. Jordan, Franklin and Marshall College senior, today was found guilty on each of four charges brought against him after his arrest last May 10 in the southeast area of the city.

Solemn but apparently nervous, Jordan sat with his attorney, Arthur Earley, of Philadelphia, while Judge W. Hensel Brown opened the sealed envelope in which the verdicts of the jury had been placed last Friday evening. The jury had reached its verdicts after more than five hours of consideration of the evidence on Friday.

He was convicted of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, which provides a maximum penalty of \$500 fine and one year imprisonment; violation of the Uniform Firearms Act, which carries a maximum penalty of \$3,000 fine and three years imprisonment; carrying and possessing bombs or explosives, each offense under the same act providing for maximum penalties of \$5,000 or 10 years in prison.

## MOTIONS ENTERED

Defense counsel immediately entered oral motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment on the convictions.

Judge Brown explained to Earley that he has 20 days in which to present the motions in writing, after which a date will be scheduled for arguing the motions.

The \$17,000 bond, under which Jordan has remained free was continued by the court.

Jordan appeared concerned even before the verdicts were returned, his hands clasped before him, his right thumb scratching nervously into the palm of his left hand.

His expression did not alter when the judge handed the verdicts to the clerk of the court who read each of them.

## LEFT COURTROOM

Jordan, his attorney and two friends walked alone from the courtroom. They advised a group of friends gathered outside the third floor courtroom of the verdict, then walked downstairs and out onto the street and southward on S. Duke Street.

There was no visible or oral

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Samuel Reginald Jordan, left, in courthouse corridor today after hear-

ing guilty verdicts on four gun and bomb charges.

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response to the verdicts by those gathered in the courtroom, including largely members of a jury and witnesses scheduled to hear the next case to come before the court.

Outside the courtroom, Jordan's friends received news of the verdicts in relative quiet. A friend shielded Jordan with a folded newspaper from cameramen attempting to take his picture.

Jordan's May 10 arrest came while police were investigating a disturbance in the southeast area. Testimony said Jordan came suddenly upon city police, and was carrying a bottle containing explosive fluid in one hand and a loaded pistol in his coat pocket.

The charge of possession of bombs or explosives arose from chemicals and other materials found in his F&M dormitory room by officers armed with a search warrant. The other three charges were based upon evidence obtained at the time of the arrest.