

Jordan Surrenders, Begins Jail Term

Turns Self Over to Sheriff; Was Convicted of Carrying Explosives

Samuel R. Jordan of Washington, D.C., who has been sought since Oct. 16 on a bench warrant issued by Lancaster County Court for failing to report to begin a prison sentence, surrendered himself Friday to the sheriff's office.

Jordan was sentenced to one to two years in the State Correctional Institution in Philadelphia in April 1969 on a conviction of carrying explosives.

He is a former student at Franklin and Marshall College.

WITH LAWYER

Accompanying him was John T. Grigsby III, a Philadelphia attorney who has defended a number of individuals at criminal court trials.

The district attorney's office was informed at 3:30 p.m. that Jordan would appear shortly thereafter to surrender and begin serving his sentence.

About 4 p.m. he appeared at the sheriff's office where Deputy Sheriff Malcolm H. Rapp read the bench warrant issued by Judge W. Hensel Brown to him.

He was immediately taken to the Lancaster County Prison.

ARRESTED IN 1968

Jordan was arrested in the southeast area of Lancaster at 3 a.m., May 10, 1968, the same night that fire bombings occurred at the local Selective Service office on S. Duke Street.

He was tried in September of that year and convicted of carrying and possessing bombs or explosives; violation of the Uniform Firearms Act, and carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Motions in arrest of judgment and for a new trial were made and the court later dismissed both motions. The State Superior Court also turned down his bid for a new trial and Jordan was called for sentencing in April, 1969.



SAMUEL JORDAN

In addition to receiving a jail sentence on his conviction of carrying a bomb, Jordan was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs. On conviction of possessing ingredients for making a bomb at his F&M residence, he was placed on two years probation. He also was placed on concurrent probation for two years for carrying a concealed weapon and one year for violation of the Uniform Firearms Act.

Counsel for Jordan then appealed to the State Superior and State Supreme Courts and was turned down by both. During the appeals Jordan was free on bail.

After the State Supreme Court turned down the appeal on Aug. 14, District Attorney Clarence C. Newcomer notified Jordan to appear to begin serving the sentence. He failed to do so and Newcomer secured the bench warrant on Oct. 16.