

THUG MAY NAME KILLERS TO WIN COURT LENIENCY

Talk If You Know What's Good for Your, Judge's Advice

A prisoner in Raymond Street Jail today holds the secret to the killing of Abe Bebachick, king of the Brooklyn policy racket on Sept. 24.

And that prisoner will "talk" if he knows what's good for him, according to County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz.

If the prisoner does decide to tell what he purportedly knows, he may unravel a mystery with immense ramifications.

At the time Bebachick was killed, Special Prosecutor John Harlan was pushing his prove of an alleged link between police and organized gambling. He was searching with especial vigor for Bebachick who was, potentially, a star witness in the inquiry.

The thug who is said to know the killers of the policy king is Sam Kovner, 27, of No. 5011 Eighteenth avenue. He was convicted of the first degree robbery of a bookmaker last night by a jury before Judge Leibowitz.

Kovner was arrested last fall after police chased him and another suspect through a Manhattan hotel. During the gunplay the other thug and a bystander were killed.

Before Kovner was led away to Raymond street jail to await sentence Judge Leibowitz said:

"You know the killers of Bebachick, and, take it from me, you'll talk to the District Attorney about them if you know what's good for you."

Kovner is liable to a maximum terms of forty years. On the other hand, a sentence of as little as twenty years may be imposed.