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### A North Carolina Horror

Wife of a Prominent Greensboro Physician Dies in Convulsions Resulting from Poison Administered by Her Husband in Presence of Three Other Physicians.

Greensboro special to Charlotte Observer:

Mrs. J. P. Matthews, wife of one of Greensboro's prominent physicians, died at 7.30 o'clock tonight from the effects of a hypodermic injection of strychnine administered by her husband, who was placed under arrest shortly after midnight and committed to jail, charged with murder.

A young railroad man who boards at the Matthews home heard heavy breathing in Mrs. Matthews' room this morning as he was preparing to leave the house. Starting into the room he was confronted by the husband who told him his wife was ill and would be all right in a few minutes. The young man, however, was suspicious and brushed past the physician. He found Mrs. Matthews in an unconscious and apparently dying condition. He at once summoned Dr. J. P. Turner, who is the county coroner. Dr. Turner called in Drs. M. R. Farrer and Z. T. Moore and the three, finding Mrs. Matthews suffering from morphine poisoning, applied heroic treat-

ments. The three physicians remained at the bedside throughout the day and the patient responded to the treatment and hope was entertained that she would regain consciousness and recover.

About 5 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Matthews requested the physicians to leave the room, saying that he wished to pray with his wife. This they refused to do. The husband went to his wife's bedside for the ostensible purpose of feeling her pulse. Dr. Turner, who had grown suspicious, detected that he had in his hand a syringe and immediately took it, not, however, until the husband had succeeded in giving his wife a hypodermic injection. An examination of the syringe revealed enough strychnine left in it to kill three persons. Two hours later Mrs. Matthews died with convulsion.

Tonight Mayor Murphy issued a warrant for Dr. Matthews and he was arrested at his home and placed in jail, charged with murder. When questioned as to the affair he said that his wife had taken morphine and he had administered strychnine to counteract the drug. Dr. Matthews has been in poor health for some time and this, together with the fact that he is a dope fiend, is believed to be responsible for the terrible deed.

Mrs. Matthews was about 25 years old and Dr. Matthews is about 30. They moved to Greensboro four years ago from Durham and he had built up a lucrative

practice. Both belong to prominent Durham families. A little six-year-old boy is the only child. Mrs. Matthews' brother, and Dr. Matthews father and brother arrived tonight from Durham, to which place the body will be taken for burial.

Dr. Matthews will probably be given a preliminary trial within the next day or two.

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There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor. J. E. BLACKMON, Treasurer Lancaster County.

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