

# Trimble Suspect

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## Passes Lie Test

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The suspect in the mysterious slaying of Marcia Trimble submitted to and passed a lie detector test last night in connection with the case.

The youth's attorney, John J. Hollins Jr., said he "passed all 20 questions without any deception," adding that he underwent two hours of questioning.

**THE EXAMINATION,** said Hollins, was given to his client in the Stahlman Building by Metro Capt. Noble Brymer.

"He didn't miss a question," the attorney said.

The teenager had already passed one lie detector test given him by police after the victim disappeared Feb. 25, 1975.

Detective Lt. David Thompson had said earlier last night he could not say whether another lie test had been scheduled for the suspect, but did say that if one is scheduled it should be conducted at a "secret location."

**"TOO MANY** people have commented about the case already," the lieutenant said. Thompson has not handled much of the investigation, but does have considerable knowledge of the facts surrounding the investigation.

The youth, who lives in the Trimble neighborhood, has developed into a prime suspect in the slaying in recent weeks as a result of information supplied to

detectives by a person interviewed at length.

The person, who police sources say was the teenager's "alibi" in the killing, told the Tennessean in an interview that the suspect "told me something different" than he told police in the initial investigation.

**WHILE THE** suspect told police in a sworn statement he was playing basketball at the time Marcia was believed to have been sexually assaulted and choked to death, the witness said:

"He told me he was at his home."

On the first anniversary of her daughter's disappearance this year, Mrs. Trimble, in an interview, said she felt that Marcia's killer "will someday confess."

She added that she believed whoever killed Marcia "did not do it intentionally. It was probably accidental."