

"I KILLED HIM."

SO SAYS THE MOUNT AIRY MURDERER.

Charlie Edwards, Charged with the Murder of Echols, Near Mount Airy, Confesses that he Committed the Murder— Rumors of the Confession—The Facts.

Special Telegram to The Journal.

MT. AIRY, Ga., June 8.—On the night of May 30 a brutal murder was committed on the public road half way between this place and Cornelia.

William S. Echols, a white man, was murdered in the road and his body was left near the scene of the tragedy, where it was found the next morning. The man's head had been beaten into a pulp.

Charlie Edwards, a negro, was arrested on circumstantial evidence and was lodged in jail at Clarksville.

Word has reached here that Edwards confessed the crime last night. He says a white woman with whom he and Echols were on too intimate terms wanted to get rid of Echols, and induced him to commit the murder.

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Positive information just received from Clarksville says Edwards confessed, but implicated no one. He says no one knew of the murder except himself. His first confession implicated another negro named Jim Crim, but he subsequently took that back, and now says that he alone is responsible for the murder.