

# MAN HELD FOR ROBBERY ON FRIEND'S CHARGES

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## Victim Tells Police Taxi Driver Was Passive Witness to Attack

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Accused of administering a severe beating to a friend and taking from him \$27, Samuel Bryan, of 830 Spruce street, Camden, was arrested early yesterday morning and held later in the day by Magistrate Belcher without bail for court on charges of assault and battery, larceny from person and highway robbery. A taxicab driver who, the police say, remained passive while the robbery was taking place, was held under \$1000 bail as an accessory. He gave his name as Emanuel Learis, of 2334 Montgomery avenue.

According to the victim, Morgan Vennell, of 252 Kaighn avenue, Camden, he was on his way home with Bryan and two other men when he became suspicious and decided to ride alone. Leaving the machine, he hired a taxicab at Broad and Dauphin streets and was about to start when, he says, Bryan followed, jumped into the machine, beat him and compelled him to turn over his wallet.

Police, attracted by Vennell's shouts for help, placed his alleged assailant and the driver under arrest.