

**Chapter 11**

The case against Sam Wood develops as the murder investigation comes close to ending.

→Chapter opens with Jess, the black mechanic, talking to Virgil. As the two head to Virgil's house they are attacked by two men carrying heavy pieces of wood. (132)

→Virgil, a martial arts expert, attacks the men and police called. Everyone meets at police station where a black doctor (Harding) treats the two men against their will (134). These men sent the letter to Gillespie earlier. Despite the attack Virgil says he will continue working the case until it's solved (136).

→Virgil goes to Purdy house to interview Dolores and her father. (137) Racism of Purdy family evident as Virgil attempts to speak with them to straighten out situation between Dolores and Sam. (138)

→Virgil explains rape investigation procedure to Mr. Purdy, who protests the fact that his daughter would be violated in the process. "Ain't nobody gonna look at her secrets. I'll shoot the man who tries to look at her secrets!" (139).

→Dolores tells story of Sam coming to her house at night and sweet-talking her. She says he gave her a drink and promised he would "make her feel real good" (141). She repeats that the person was definitely Sam.

→Virgil ends chapter by making visits and phone calls to Harvey Oberst, Gottschalk, Reverend Whiteburn and Dr. Harding. At the end of the chapter it is clear that Virgil has cracked the case as he "has his reward" (142).

**Chapter 12**

Chapter focuses on clearing Sam Wood.

→Duena speaks with mayor (Schubert) about how Gillespie was hired (144-146). Schubert reveals that he does not like Gillespie (146).

→Virgil meets with Sam to tell him that he can prove Sam's innocence (147). He also speaks to Sam about the night he drove with Sam when the route was changed to avoid the Purdy house. Sam cooperates with Virgil. (149)

→Virgil tells group including Endicott, Duena, Gillespie and Sam about Purdy family (151-152). Conclusion is that Harvey Oberst knocked up Dolores but she accused Sam because she wanted to be with him because he had money and was successful (153).

→Purdy family comes in and argues with group before Dolores admits that Virgil was right (157).

→Sam explains the large deposit he made to pay off his mortgage, which completely clears suspicions against him (158).

→Virgil promises that Sam Wood will arrest the murderer that night (159).