

Spouse Admits Killing Wife

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 24 (AP)—Jack Raymond Atkins, 26, has confessed to the April 28 killing of his common law wife in a fight which started when he called her a "cheap chippie," the police have announced.

The body of Audrey Atkins, 24-year-old waitress, was found clad in a slip and brassiere on a bed in the couple's room six months ago and touched off a search throughout the west for Atkins, a former soldier. He is charged with murder.

He was picked up downtown Saturday by FBI men. He said he came back here to confess. At first, however, he refused to talk. But Monday he said he wanted to tell the "whole story."

'Whole Story'

And this, said Deputy District Attorney Milton Schwartz, was the "whole story":

Atkins went to pick up Audrey at the restaurant in which she worked and was informed she had left and had been drinking heavily.

He located her in a bar. They argued and went to several other bars, continuing the argument. Then they went to their rooming house.

"Audrey was getting madder and madder, and finally I told her I had enough and I was leaving in the morning, then she said something mean and—

'She Slapped Me'

"I told her she was just a cheap chippie. Then she slapped me twice and everything went red, and I slapped her two or three times with my hand and she fell limp against me and I realized what had been happening. I let her drop back on the bed and said 'My God, what have I done?'"

Atkins was quoted by Schwartz as saying he met Audrey in a restaurant in Boise, Ida., after he had been given a bad conduct discharge from the army for deserting.

Audrey Atkins was the daughter of W. L. Kersher, 430 Alameda st. She was born in Salt Lake City Aug. 27, 1925, and was educated in the city schools.