

# PHELAN JAILED FOR ATTACK ON BOULDER RANGER

5/19/32  
Wife of Claude Williams  
Signs the Complaint  
Against Club Employe

Tom Phelan, former deputy sheriff employed by a local gambling club, will be placed under arrest some time this afternoon on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to do great bodily harm, upon the person of Claude Williams, chief ranger in the Boulder canyon reservation.

The complaint, issued out of the office of District Attorney Harley A. Harmon, was signed by Mrs. Williams, wife of the injured ranger, and came as the aftermath of an altercation in a downtown club Thursday night in which Phelan is alleged to have struck Williams over the head with a revolver, seriously injuring him.

**THE RANGER** has been hovering between life and death in the Las Vegas Hospital for several days, but this morning Dr. F. M. Ferguson attending physician, declared he would undoubtedly recover.

Williams suffered a brain concussion from the force of the blow, and Dr. Ferguson is of the opinion there was a hemorrhage within the skull which has caused the victim's eyes to be crossed.

**STORIES OF** the fracas differ, friends of both men blaming the other as the cause; both admit, however, that Phelan struck Williams.

Immediately following the occurrence, Phelan was removed as a deputy by Sheriff Joe Keate, stripped of his badge and gun, and restored to the position of a mere private citizen, it was revealed this morning.