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RUMOR THAT CHIRIMENTE HAS CONFESSED DENIED

Officials of the Sheriff's Office, County Jail, and State's Attorney Phillips Say Untrue

For the past several days there has been a persistent report on the streets of the city that Chirimente, the Italian recently convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of B. LaBella, has made a full and open confession involving several accomplices. This story has gone from mouth to mouth and was given general credence in many quarters yesterday, although no one would volunteer the exact nature of the confession or the parties involved in it.

Asked regarding the matter, State's Attorney H.S. Phillips declared that the confession could hardly have been made without him knowing it, and added that he knew nothing whatever about the matter. He stated that this was the first he had heard of the report. The report is denied at the sheriff's office and also at the county jail, Assistant Jailor Harkness declaring that Chirimente has not confessed at all, he knows nothing of it.