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CHIRAMENTE SPENDS DAY WITH HIS WIFE

APPARENTLY NOT AFFECTED BY LEAVE TAKING

Greeting All His Old Friends Before Being Taken to Convict Camps Tomorrow for Life Sentence

Orniferio Chiramente recently convicted of the murder of B. LaBella, after spending five months in the county jail, was allowed to visit his family in West Tampa yesterday before leaving for the state convict camps tomorrow. Chiramente was accompanied by Deputies A.A. Gullette, George Bell and Jeff Burnett, who kept a close watch of him and saw to it that no attempt was made by Chiramente's friends to secure his escape.

Leaving the jail about 9:30 yesterday morning, Chiramente spent the rest of the day up to 3 o'clock at this home on Spruce Street, West Tampa, with his wife and children. A fine dinner was participated in by members of the family, Chiramente apparently enjoying the viands greatly after the jail fare. He partook freely of wine and cigars.

Visited by Friends

During the afternoon dozens of Chiramente's friends called on him to tell him good bye and these he greeted cordially. Chiramente at no time seemed to be affected and showed no traces of emotion. He did not kiss his wife nor his mother, but was seen to kiss several men who called on him. He showed no anxiety and was apparently free from care.

Chiramente's absence of emotion surprised the officers, and especially the coolness which appeared to exist between himself and his wife. After Chiramente left, his wife was seen coolly proceeding about her household duties as if nothing had happened. This partial estrangement is alleged to be due to the fact that Chiramente took steps to have his wife placed in an insane asylum several years ago, but it was decided that she was saner than Chiramente.

Has Not Confessed

For a long time the hope was entertained by officers that Chiramente would make a full confession and reveal the identity of his accomplice, but the prisoner has not done this and probably will not do so. His apparent satisfaction with his lot is believed to be due to hopes of making an early escape from the camps.