

West Superior Street Jeweler Slashed by Negro

Fight Over Watch Alleged to Have Been Stolen

AFTER a hand-to-hand struggle in which a knife and an unloaded revolver were used as weapons, Harry Witz, owner of a jewelry store at 502 West Superior street, assisted by Martin Ruth, a salesman, last night overpowered John Edwards, a negro. Witz's right wrist was cut. Edwards was held last night at police headquarters, but no charge was placed against him.

According to the store owner a negro who gave his name some time ago as Harry Jordan, pawned a watch for \$10. Witz, upon learning the timepiece was stolen property, aided the police in returning it to the owner. When Edwards sought to redeem the watch about 8 o'clock last night Witz drew the revolver and attempted to cover him until police could be called.

Grappling with Witz, Edwards gained possession of the weapon and tried to discharge it twice, Witz alleges. Failing, he threw it to the floor and drew his knife, according to Witz, who in a struggle received several cuts on the wrist. At this stage Ruth entered and the negro was disarmed.

Edwards told the police he received the pawn ticket from a stranger in Buffalo. He denied he had previously pawned the watch.