

Boy, Called Sissy by Pals, Kills Mother With Rifle

PALMDALE, Aug. 23.—(AP) —“The kids at school kept calling me a square because I wouldn't steal or anything. I didn't want to be a sissy. I was tired of being a square.”

And so, deputy sheriffs said today, 13 year old Jimmy Thomson loaded his rifle, hid it under a bed, waited two hours for his mother to come home—and shot her to death.

Lancaster substation deputies said they received a call late yesterday from the boy who said:

“I just shot my mother. I think she's dead. I'll wait here at the house for pou.”

They found Mrs. Hilda Thomson, 51, dead on the kitchen floor. Three .22 bullets were in her

head. Her blouse and pedal pushers were ripped.

Jimmy was booked at the substation on suspicion of murder.

The boy's father, Harry, and brother, John, 18, were away at work. The father is a truck driver at Edwards Air Force Base.

Deputies said Jimmy told them:

“I wanted to run away from home to show the other kids I wasn't a sissy.”

The deputies said the victim's blouse and pedal pushers had been ripped in a search for money to finance the runaway.

Jimmy is a blond, husky 140 pounder, usually mildmannered and shy.