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BESSEMER, Ala. — (UPI) — Nineteen-year-old former WAC Barbara Espy has charged five men, including a sheriff's deputy, kidnapped and beat her into signing a "confession" she dated Negroes.

The men are being held for the grand jury with bond fixed at \$250 each. At a preliminary hearing Judge Richard Joidan said the grand jury, meeting May 2, will de-

cide what charges should be brought against the five

Miss Espy, of Alliance, Ala., said the group of men came to her home the night of April 3, accused her of dating Negroes and forced her into a car at gunpoint. They drove to a lonely area and flogged her with belts and made her sign an alleged confession that she had dated Negro men, she charged.

Being held for the beating are sheriff's investigator Walter Dean, who was investigating the incident when he was arrested, James M. Veitch, Charles E. Tyler, Henry Gordon McDaniel and Herman McWilliams.

Judge Jordan stated during the preliminary hearing, "I would like to make it clear this court does not condone and will not tolerate mob rule or mob violence."

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BARBARA ESPY