

Prisoner Refuses To Discuss Escape

CHICAGO (UPI) — Victor Donald Wilde, 38, who three days ago told FBI agents that he "walked away" from the Wyoming State Prison at Rawlins after he went out to "get a girl" for a guard, refused to say a word about the escape Thursday.

Wilde, picked up by the FBI on a fugitive warrant Monday night while he was having a drink in a tavern here, escaped from the prison Aug. 5 while serving a long term for a Kemmerer, Wyo., murder. FBI agents said he gave them no written statement after his arrest, but told of how he escaped while on the procuring mission.

He appeared before a U.S. commissioner Thursday and was released to the custody of city police for state court action, but he refused to talk about his statement to the FBI.

"I'm not going to give you any story about anything," he told a United Press International reporter.

Apparently mindful of his probable return to Wyoming, he grinned and said, "Listen, I'm not going to talk. I'm not going to put people in the middle." Asked about his statement to the FBI, he said "Just say I make no comment."

Wilde will appear Friday before the chief justice of the criminal court here, and will be given 24 hours to decide whether he wants to fight extradition or waive it.