

Son Named In Shooting Of Gambler

Ivy Howard (Pecky) Miller Jr., 33, was charged Saturday with assault with intent to murder in the shooting of his father, Dallas gambler and former associate of Benny Binion.

The complaint was filed by Sheriff Bill Decker with Asst. Dist. Atty. Clarence Bentley, who earmarked it for Justice of the Peace Glenn Byrd.

Decker said he had learned very little new about the case since the 58-year-old gambler was shot four times in the abdomen and once in the thigh last Tuesday at his home at 6414 Churchill Way, between Preston and Hillcrest north of the Dallas city limits.

"Pecky has refused to tell me how it happened, and every time I go to the hospital to see his father, he is catching up on his sleep," said Decker.

Miller's condition was critical when he entered Baylor Hospital after the shooting, and an emergency operation was performed to save his life. Chances looked good Saturday that he would recover.

Chances do not look as good that he will testify against his son if he survives, Decker said.

The only witness who gave an account of what happened was L. D. Nickleberry, Negro cook, who said he heard shots and saw the senior Miller run into the kitchen, screaming, "Don't let him shoot me again." He said the son followed, and fired at his father.

Decker said Saturday that he believed Nickleberry had taken the .38-caliber super-automatic pistol from the younger Miller's hand after the shells were spent. The pistol was found in the father's Cadillac car.