ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. told him to drive over concrete (AP) - Three angry, armed young men, one of whom didn't look old enough to grow a beard, hijacked a Trans World Airlines 727 passenger jet this morning from Albuquerque airport.

The trio used a stuck car ruse to get an auto wrecker tow truck, and then forced the driver to take them to the airport where they drove over some concrete blocks, onto the airport ramp and within 20 feet of the aircraft, Flight 196, carrying 43 passengers and six crew memhers.

They bounded up a stairway into the aircraft and held a TWA fuel handler hostage until he told them the plane couldn't leave until his fuel truck was moved.

The three hijackers later were identified by the FBI as Michael Finney, 20, Ralph Goodwin, 24, and Charlie Hill, 21. All were wanted in connection with the Nov. 8 slaving of state policeman Robert Rosenbloom west of Albuquerque.
The TWA fuel handler, Ron

Simpson, 30, said he was leaving the aircraft cockpit "and was just going out the front door when they came running up the steps.'

He said two of the men had guns and the third a "little steak knife like is used at the supper table."

Simpson said the three were black.

The tow truck driver, Victor J. Dugger, said he was called about 1 a.m. by persons who said their car was stuck in the southeast Albuquerque.

Dugger said that when he got out of the truck one of the men, "stuck a gun in my face. They told me to do what they said and I wouldn't get hurt.

know who we are." Dugger said he replied, "Yes, I know,

around in his truck for several minutes and then went to the Post Office Annex at the airport. They sat there for a few minutes and watched the plane load its 12 Albuquerque boarding passengers, including two children.

blocks erected as a barrier to keep people from airport ramps, and take them to the aircraft some 750 feet away.

Dugger's truck stopped about 20 feet from the loading stairway.

the steps and into the aircraft. Dugger later told newsmen the three men apparently knew what time the aircraft would be boarded and what time it would take off.

The aircraft was scheduled to depart at 1:55 a.m. It left at 2:07 a.m. said Tom Blain. TWA control agent in the terminal building. The flight had originated in Phoenix.

Simpson said the three men told him to get back on the aircraft. Two of them pointed guns at him, Simpson said.

"The guy who seemed to be in charge sent another guy to the rear with a hostess. He had the youngest guy stay with me and another hostess in the

"The guy who looked the oldest was giving orders to everybody and was running back and fourth.

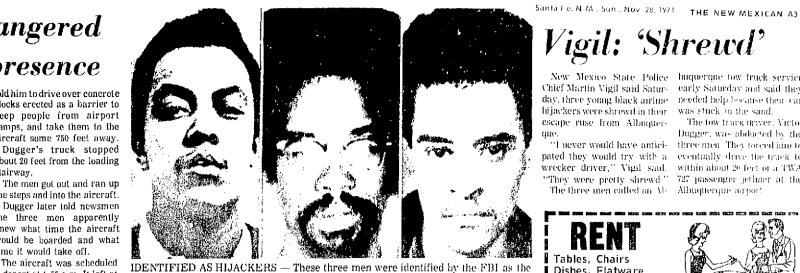
"About that time I saw police cars, about two or three, pull up, and then they (the three men) started getting shook up.

"The guy in charge gave the younger guy a gun and took the knife from him.

"They told the pilot (Capt. 'Jim McGhee) to get 'the pigs out of here, and get the engineer up here right now,' Simpson said.

"I told the youngest guy you can't take off until I unhook the fuel truck," Simpson said. "I was the only guy on the shift that knows how.

"We waited and waited,"



hijackers of a Trans World Airlines jet Saturday in Albuquerque. They are also named in state warrants charging them with murder in the Nov. 8 slaying of a New Mexico state police officer. They are from left: Charlie Hill, 21; Ralph Goodwin, 24; and

Wife: 'I felt so helpless'

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Mrs. Dean E. Helgason, 27, had gone to the Albuquerque Airport early Saturday with her 21-monthold daughter to see her

He was going to the funeral of his father, who had died

Thanksgiving Day.

husband depart for Chicago.

do," she later told newsmen. "My husband was the last person to get on the plane.'

there was nothing they could

Mrs. Helgason said. "He had just stepped inside

the plane when the three men drove up in a wrecker and ran up the boarding stairs," she

"The police were there and said, "One of the airline men on the ramp came running back to the terminal shouting. 'He has a gun,' " she said.

"I felt so helpless when the plane started its engines and started to take off," Mrs. Helgason said

Her husband, 31, is a junior physics student at the University of New Mexico.

Vigil: 'Shrewd'

day, three young black airline hijackers were shrewd in their escape ruse from Albuquer-

pated they would try with a wrecker driver," Vigil said. "They were pretty shrewd" The three men called an Al- Albuquerque airport

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New Mexico State Police buquerane tow truck service Chief Martin Vigil said Satur- early Saturday and said they needed help because their car was stuck in the sand.

The low truck draver, Victor Dinger, was abducted by the "I never would have antici- three men. They forced him to eventually drive the truck to within about 20 feet of a TWA 727 passenger jethner at the





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