

Police Trap 'Nightrider'

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — A commando squad of policemen defending the home of a prominent Jewish businessman sprung a trap on suspected nightriders early yesterday, wounding a young Alabama man and killing his woman companion.

Also shot and listed in critical condition were an officer and a neighbor who stepped in on his porch to see what was happening.

POLICE Chief Roy Gunn identified the wounded man as Thomas Albert Farrants III of Mobile, Ala., and said he

was a "prime suspect" in a year-long series of Mississippi bombings.

Found in Farrants' pockets, the chief said, was a notebook which said:

"Gentlemen:
I have committed myself totally to defeating the Communist-Jew conspiracy which is eating our country — any means necessary and be used. Please be advised that since 20 March, 1968, I, Thomas Albert Farrants III, have been underground and operating guerrilla warfare. I have always believed in military action against the Communist enemy."

FARRANTS' companion, found shot to death on the floor of the car, was identified as Kathy Ainsworth, 26, of Jackson, Miss., a fifth grade teacher in the Jackson public school system.

The chief said Ku Klux Klan membership cards and a loaded pistol were found in her purse.

Wounded in the running battle through suburban streets were Patrolman J. M. Hatcher, 31, shot four times in the chest with a submachine gun, and

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'Prime' Bomber Suspect Seized

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Navy Mechanics Made the Class Robert F. Farrants, Jr., a member of Fulton, Mo.

THE SHOOTING began about 1 a.m. at the home of Meyer Davidson, an employer of the Jewish community in Meridian on a \$7,000-a-year contract for bombing of a synagogue here earlier this year.

Gunn said officers who were alerted out of Davidson's house since the home was a commando unit's safe house for nightriders.

Officers who were alerted Davidson's home were told the house was a safe house for nightriders. After the shooting, they

cars rammed into the rear of Davidson's auto, knocking it into the yard of a Negro residence.

The man turned in his seat and began firing. Farrants made from shooting.

HATCHER FELL after he fired four times.

The fugitive fled in a one-way to and back at officers who were on the scene. The Negro woman, Burtan, stepped out of the door and ran.

They had been looking for Farrants, who had been shot at the night of the Davidson shooting. The officers

Mrs. Davidson said she



THOMAS A. FARRANTS, woman companion dead.

found on the doorboards of the car.