

Police Given Lie Test in Reporter's Death

Two young detectives took lie detector tests Monday in an effort to pinpoint details of the fatal shooting of a reporter as he sat at his desk in the Long Beach police station press room.

The test was first administered to Errol F. Greenleaf, 32, and then to his partner, Creighton Wiggins Jr., 29, at the Bureau of Investigation Building in Civic Center, said Kenneth Scarce, an investigator for the district attorney.

Scarce said he questioned Greenleaf for two hours and 45 minutes under the lie test apparatus. Wiggins underwent questioning for nearly five hours.

The district attorney's office is attempting to clear up what Long Beach police called "discrepancies in the two detectives' accounts of the shooting Thursday of William B. Hunter, 35, reporter for the Long Beach Independent:

Police said the detectives, both suspended from duty, admitted the shooting occurred during "horseplay," but just how was not clear.

Officials declined to state whether results of the tests would be made public, but indicated they may be presented at an inquest May 4.

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