

2nd Ex-Officer Gets Probation in Gun Death

A second former Long Beach detective has been placed on three years probation for involuntary manslaughter in the "horseplay" slaying of a newspaper reporter.

Errol F. Greenleaf, 32, who was scheduled for sentencing Monday, went before Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling on Jan. 13 and was granted the probation, court records show.

His one-time fellow detective, Creighton Wiggins Jr., 29, was given a like sentence Sept. 15 after pleading no contest. Greenleaf was convicted Jan. 8 by Judge Sparling.

Both were dismissed from the Long Beach Police Department after admitting they were playing "cops and robbers" with drawn guns April 23 when William Hunter, 35, was shot through the heart in the Long Beach police press room.

Hunter, a prize-winning reporter for the Long Beach Independent, left a wife and three children.