

# Officer in 'Horseplay' Slaying Gets Probation

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Creighton Wiggins Jr., one of two former Long Beach detectives charged with involuntary manslaughter in the "horseplay" slaying of a newspaper reporter, Tuesday was placed on three years probation.

"The defendant has self-inflicted his own form of punishment which is a life sentence of guilt and self-recrimination and is more severe than any sentence that could be meted out by the court," Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling said in passing sentence.

Wiggins pleaded no contest. He and Errol F. Greenleaf, 32, were charged

with involuntary manslaughter after reporter William F. Hunter, 35, was fatally wounded April 23 in the Long Beach police station as the detectives allegedly were "fooling around" with guns.

Judge Sparling also told Wiggins:

"Additional punitive measures are not being recommended as it is felt that such would be, at present, rather superfluous and no practical benefit either to the defendant or the community."

Greenleaf pleaded innocent and is scheduled to be tried Dec. 2.