

# Widow Files Suit in Gun Death of Reporter

A claim for \$750,000 damages for the death of William B. Hunter, a newspaper reporter, was on file Tuesday against Long Beach.

Hunter's widow, Mrs. Leela Lou Hunter, filed the action on behalf of herself and the couple's children, Cynthia Lee, 10; William B. II, 3, and Laurie Diane, 2.

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She charged her husband's death was due to negligent and careless conduct of two beach city detectives.

The Independent, Press-Telegram reporter was shot and killed accidentally as he sat at his desk in the Long Beach police press room April 23. Two detectives, Creighton A. Wiggins Jr., and Errol F. Greenleaf, admitted engaging in horseplay with their service revolvers. Both have been dismissed and face trial on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

The claim alleged the city is guilty of "negligent training, supervision and control" of the police department and said the family has suffered "loss of love, society, companionship, counsel, support and assistance" through Hunter's death.