

# 'No Contest' Plea Entered in Gun Death

Creighton Wiggins Jr., 29, one of two former Long Beach detectives accused of involuntary manslaughter in the "horse play" shooting of a newspaper reporter, pleaded no contest to the charge Thursday.

Wiggins previously had pleaded innocent. Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling set sentencing for Sept. 8 and continued trial of the second officer, Errol T. Greenleaf, 32, until the same date.

The reporter, William B. Hunter, 35, was wounded fatally April 23 while Wiggins and Greenleaf allegedly were "fooling around" with guns in the press room of the Long Beach police station. 1-26-1

Involuntary manslaughter is punishable by a maximum of one to 10 years in prison.

Wiggins testified at an inquest that he dropped his gun and that it fired accidentally when he tried to catch it.