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'Mystery' Cop

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A spokesman for Chicago Police Supt. James Conlisk yesterday reiterated the official police department denial that a 5th District (Kensington) police officer was involved in Tuesday morning's Black-Panther shoot-out at 8055 Merrill.

Frank Sullivan, director of public information for the police department, confirmed that the 5th District officer identified to him by The Daily Calumet is on assignment in that district, but steadfastly denied that the officer is a member of the Black Panthers, or was at the scene of the shoot-out.

Officially, a police tactical unit of five men rounded up three persons after the exchange of gunfire at the Merrill Avenue address.

Meanwhile, South Chicago (4th District) district commander Francis Nolan told The Daily Calumet yesterday that he will "investigate the case" himself.

Commander Nolan has repeatedly asserted that there was no fourth party involved or arrested during the court-

of the mid-morning arrest.

Commander Nolan told The Daily Calumet that he was supervising an investigation of the report and explained that if a Chicago police officer was involved in the Tuesday arrest, a special internal investigation of the incident would be ordered.

Since Tuesday afternoon when the report of a "missing" fourth party was presented to high police department officials, the story has been denied and attributed to neighborhood rumor.

Sergeant William Rafferty of the 4th district reaffirmed the police department's stand on the issue yesterday when Commander Nolan was not available for comment.

Rafferty claimed "the police department is not trying to hide anything. If there is anything to the story, it will be revealed."

Rafferty added that at present the department is "not denying the rumor, but stating it is something we don't know about."

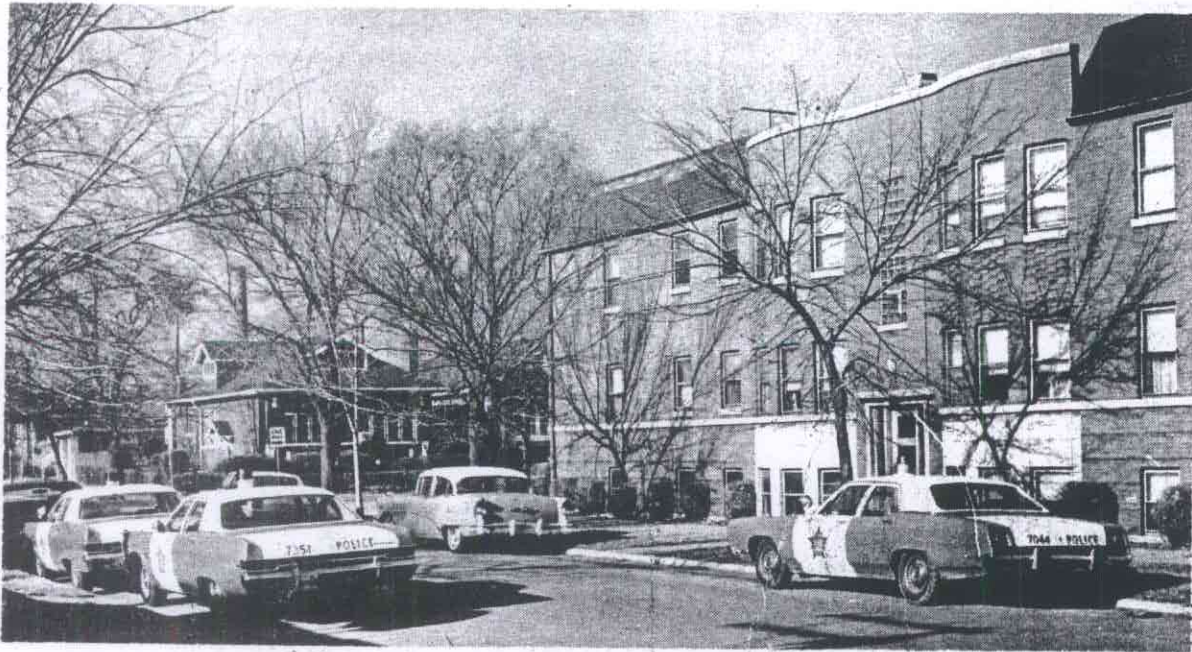
The three suspects arrested Tuesday morning were identified to be Carol Lynn French, Eugenia Louise Reed and Robert Anthony Harris. The three



COMDR. FRANCIS NOLAN

suspects were charged with attempted murder, armed violence, and aggravated assault. Harris also was charged with failure to register deadly weapons and resisting police arrest.

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Squad cars of tactical unit and Police Crime Lab line up in front of 10-unit apartment at 8055 Merrill in mid-day yesterday as police continued their investigation of shoot-out Tuesday morning with Black Panthers. (DAILY CALUMET Photo)

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Their case reportedly was continued in court branch 44 Wednesday morning. Assistant state attorney's prosecutors anticipate that the case will be referred to the county Grand jury for formal indictments within the next ten days.

Yesterday a tactical unit car and three 4th district squads were observed parked in front of the 8055 Merrill apartment building. The units reportedly were continuing to investigate the two-day old incident.

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