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## Policeman Killed, Dispatcher Shot In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30 (UPI)—A \$10,000 reward was posted today for two men who blasted a police station with 18 rounds of shotgun fire, killing a 45-year-old desk sergeant and wounding a dispatcher.

The killing Sunday night was the third of a policeman in San Francisco this year and the latest in a series of bombings, terrorism and murder directed against police in the last two years.

The San Francisco Police Officers Association called it another episode in the "national conspiracy against policemen by some maniacs."

Sgt. John V. Young, 45, was working at his desk in the city's Ingleside station about 9:40 p.m. when one of the gunmen, described as a young black man, stuck the shotgun through a small circular opening in a window and killed him.

Mrs. Ellen Lipney, 30, the dispatcher, was wounded in the shoulder in a second blast.

As Young lay dying, the two gunmen then riddled the station with shotgun fire and pistol fire. It was believed they hoped to break into the station's armory and steal its guns, police said, they did not elaborate.

Officer James Nance dropped to the floor when the shooting started and then

crawled to the mortally wounded sergeant.

Young's last words, Nance said, were "help me."

As Nance dragged Young out of the line of fire, two more shotgun blasts were pumped into the room, one of which wounded the dispatcher. Then blast after blast roared through the station.

Police said they had no information that the killing was linked to the escape attempt at San Quentin Prison Aug. 21 in which black revolutionary George Jackson, three guards and two white convicts were killed.

Police said it apparently was not linked with the bombing of a Bank of America branch a short time earlier in a shopping center in a middle-class residential area, the 46th terrorist attack against a Bank of America branch since February, 1970.

Gerald D'Arcy, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, told a news conference the association would back any of its members who drew their guns in their own safety, or decided not to rush to the scene of an emergency.

San Francisco officers have been under stringent restrictions against drawing guns except in an obvious emergency in recent years.



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San Francisco Police Chief Alfred J. Nelder inspects damage at station where an officer was killed by a gunman.