Analysis of Shooting To Be Presented

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BATON ROUGE — An analysis of the shooting of two Southern University students will be presented Monday to a special commission of inquiry probing the incident, Atty. Gen. William Guste said today.

The detailed analysis of the shooting portion of the police-student confrontation Nov. 16 that ended in tragedy is being made by a team of experts, Guste said.

The technical experts already have met with Sheriff Bailey Grant of Ouachita Parish and Sidney Cates, former New Orleans police official, both members of the special panel.

Guste said that probe group is about to conclude its quizzing of university officials and employes and turn to interviewing students who witnessed the episode.

Several students, he reported, have volunteered to testify.

It also has been learned that students have been either reluctant to testify, or the attorney general's staff has had difficulty locating them because of closure of the university.

The Baton Rouge campus has been closed until Jan. 4.

"We are making excellent

progress," Guste said in a news release on the progress of the closed-door inquiry.

"The commission is determined that all facts pertinent to the incident will be assembled."

He expressed confidence that his commission will produce the facts surrounding events that occurred.

He had no comment on a rival report from a group of blacks who held their own hearings on the matter in public. The black group criticized school administration and public officials for their conduct in the affair.

Guste says his official investigating committee has established that "pellets from a shotgun" killed the two students

dents.

After the confrontation between lawmen and students on the predominantly black campus, officers said they fired no live ammunition, only tear gas.

"Our commission is doing an in-depth and careful investigation," Guste said Thursday, "and before we release any conclusions, we want them to be properly documented."

However, he did say: "It is clearly established by the coroner's report that the two deaths were caused by pellets from a shotgun."