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BULLET IDENTIFIED IN PANTHER DEATH

Firearms Expert Testifies
in Hampton Hearing

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CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—A police firearms expert told a coroner's jury today that a bullet recovered from the body of the slain Black Panther leader Fred Hampton was from a .30-caliber carbine.

The only police officer carrying such a weapon during the predawn raid, in which Mr. Hampton and another Black Panther were killed was James Davis, a Negro patrolman who has been the focal point of much of the black community's resentment over the incident.

The expert, John M. Sadunas, a firearms examiner for the police department, also testified that test firings of two shotguns seized in the raided apartment matched three shotgun casings the police said they had found on the living room floor.

The shotgun whose firing pin pattern matched one of the casings had type B blood spattered on the stock, he testified, the same blood type as a sample taken from the body of Mark Clark, the second slain Panther. The other shotgun's firing pattern matched that of the other two casings, he said.

Recalls 3 Shots

Yesterday, Patrolman Davis testified that thought three shots had been fired as he pushed in the living room door of the apartment shortly after 4:40 A.M. on Dec. 4 in a raid authorized by a search warrant for illegal weapons.

Patrolman Davis testified that he had carried his personal .30-caliber carbine on the raid. In yesterday's testimony, he said he dived to the floor of the apartment and shot a girl sitting on a bed with a shotgun, then fired two shots into Mr. Clark, who, he said, was standing behind the door with a shotgun.

A few minutes later, he said, he and another officer armed

with a submachine gun fired a volley of shots through the plasterboard south wall of the living room.

Mr. Sadunas testified that the police had not found the slugs or pellets from the two shotguns.

Nor, he said, were there any slugs or expended cartridges among the more than 100 recovered from the apartment that matched any of the rest of the 17 weapons the police said they seized at the apartment.

Davis Weapon Untested

Mr. Sadunas said that he had not yet been given Patrolman Davis's carbine for testing, although he added that the slug recovered from Mr. Hampton's body matched five other .30 caliber carbine slugs or expended cartridges found in the apartment.

He said that he had only begun to test-fire the weapons used by the police in the raid last week, and had not received all the weapons.

Patrolman Davis testified yesterday that his carbine was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for testing last week.

The police have contended that the two Panthers died during a gun battle that lasted at least 10 minutes and was touched off by shotgun blasts at the police. The Panthers charged that their leader was "murdered in his bed."