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# Police-Panther Battle In Berkeley Wounds 2

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 13 (UPI)—A policeman and a Black Panther were wounded in a street gun battle today after a car carrying three men was pulled over for a traffic violation.

It was the third shootout between police and members of the militant Negro organization in the past 13 months. The earlier gunfights, which left one policeman and one black militant dead and several persons wounded, occurred in neighboring Oakland.

Three suspects in the latest gun battle surrendered as officers surrounded their station wagon, which crashed into a tree after the driver, Reginald Forte, 19, Oakland, was struck in the shoulder by a bullet.

Officer Daniel Wolke, 22, suffered minor injuries when a bullet fired from the vehicle struck a metal snap on his jacket and was deflected.

Nine shots reportedly were fired in the predawn battle.

Police identified Forte and one of his companions, John L. Sloan, 32, Berkeley, as members of an armed band of Black Panthers that marched into the State Assembly chambers at Sacramento in May of 1967. The third suspect was William Kitt, 21, of San Francisco.

Wolke said he pulled the wagon over after it ran a stop sign and nearly rammed his patrol car. The policeman said he got out of his car and walked to the side of the suspects' vehicle. When he saw there were three men in the car, he turned back to radio for assistance.

The patrolman said a shot suddenly shattered the side window of the wagon "and I felt something real warm on my stomach." He crawled back to the patrol car to call for help.

The suspects' car started to drive off and Wolke fired four shots at it, one striking the driver. The occupants allegedly shot four more bullets at the officer before their vehicle went out of control and smashed into a tree.

Forte, Sloan and Kitt were booked for attempted murder, illegal possession of firearms and possession of marijuana. Police seized a .38 service revolver, a 9 mm automatic and a .22 automatic.

The first shootout between Black Panthers and police occurred Oct. 28, 1967, on an Oakland street. Policeman John Frey, 23, was killed and Black Panther founder Huey Newton and a second officer wounded. Newton later was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and is serving a prison sentence.

Bobby Hutton, 17, was killed and six other Panthers arrested on attempted murder and a variety of other charges after a long gun fight last April 6 in West Oakland. Those arrested, including Panther minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver, face trial next month.