

ST. LOUIS POLICE WATCHED BROWN

Had Kept 4 Seized Here
Under Surveillance

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The St. Louis police said yesterday that H. Rap Brown and three men seized with him here early Saturday morning after a robbery at a West Side bar were seen together in that city several weeks ago.

Brown, who was shot twice in a gunbattle on West 85th Street, was reported to be in fair condition at Roosevelt Hospital.

According to an informant for the St. Louis police, the fugitive black militant leader had been meeting with the other men whom the police there were seeking on criminal charges. The three are members of the Black Liberators, an activist group in that city that had lost its influence in recent months, the police said.

The St. Louis police reported that one of the men, whom they could not identify, had gone to Cairo, Ill., and that they had lost track of the other two. They also said they had not been able to seize Brown.

Held in \$150,000 Bail

The men were being held here in \$150,000 bail each after a shootout with the police at the Red Carpet Lounge, 173 West 85th Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues. They were identified as Arthur Lee Perry, 25 years old; Sam Petty, 23, and Levi Valentine, 24. Petty was said to have been known as Brown's bodyguard.

All three are wanted by the St. Louis police on criminal charges, including an indictment for carrying firearms.

The police discounted a theory that a fifth man might have been involved in the robbery.

Brown's identity became known after he was shot twice on the roof of a building on West 85th Street, where he had

been followed by a policeman after the bar robbery. The police said he had pointed a .38 caliber magnum pistol at the policeman who shot him.

The police here and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington confirmed his identity through separate checks of his fingerprints.

Meanwhile, Brown was booked under his real name—Hubert Geroid Brown—by telephone at the West 68th Street station house, but his arraignment was delayed until he becomes physically able to appear in court. He is under guard by the police at the hospital. No one, except family and lawyers, was being admitted to the area where Brown is being treated.

Neither Brown's family nor his lawyers would identify him at the hospital on Saturday. William M. Kunstler, who is representing Brown in Federal actions, said after viewing the prisoner through a small aperture into his hospital room that he could not determine that the man was Brown.

Haywood Burns of the National Council of Black Lawyers, who was admitted to the recovery room, said the man "did not look like Mr. Brown."

Relatives of Brown who visited the hospital declined to comment.

Police Certain

While the police were certain that the man was, indeed, Brown, they were busy yesterday trying to make arrangements for his prosecution here on charges of attempted homicide, robbery and possession of weapons, the same charges lodged against the three other men.

"Our charges will take precedence over all others," a Police Department spokesman said.

Brown, 28, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, has been a fugitive since April, 1970, when he failed to appear in court in Ellicott City, Md., to stand trial on charges of inciting to riot and arson in Cambridge, Md., three years earlier. He was on the F.B.I.'s "10 most wanted" list.

F.B.I. agents have been looking for him since then. He was last reported seen in public in Washington in March, 1970, when his car was found wrecked by a bomb explosion at Bel Air, Md., and two bodies were uncovered.

At one time it was rumored that one of the bodies was Brown's, but this was later discounted by Federal agents.

Hospital Guarded

Meanwhile, the police were guarding all entrances to Roose-

velt Hospital yesterday. The area, from Ninth to Tenth Avenue at 59th Street, was quiet.

Mayor Lindsay, returning from a trip to Indiana, arrived at the hospital at 1 P.M. to visit Patrolman Gary Hunt, who had been wounded twice in the gun battle on West 85th Street.

After visiting the patrolman, who was said by hospital officials to be recovering "nicely," the Mayor spoke to the policeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunt. He told them their son "looked fine and had good color."

The Mayor did not visit Brown's room, which is adjacent to the patrolman's, and declined to discuss the shooting with newsmen.