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Jonestown Physician Said to Mix Poison Described as Sadist

TINTON FALLS, N.J.—A survivor of the Jonestown tragedy says the doctor who purportedly mixed the poisonous fruit drink that killed hundreds of followers of the Rev. Jim Jones was a sadist who enjoyed watching people in pain.

Leslie Wilson, 21, who worked in the medical department at Jonestown, said Dr. Lawrence Schacht of Houston did little to relieve pain when people became ill.

"He was a sadist. He liked to see people in pain. He didn't do anything to relieve pain," Wilson said.

She returned from Guyana last week after leaving the settlement about eight hours before the mass suicides and murders began.

In San Francisco, a federal grand jury probe into the ambush killing of Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.) was postponed by a federal judge who said subpoenaed survivors of the Peoples Temple settlement in Guyana needed time to recover from shock before testifying.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the department is "Leaning toward releasing a full list of the more than 900 victims, possibly by the end of this month. Several persons, including some reporters, have sought the names through the Freedom of Information Act but have had their requests temporarily rejected.