

2d Sniper Reported

*Deputy Says He Was Shot
By One of Two Men He Saw*

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NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11—At least two snipers fired on police at the Downtown Howard Johnson Hotel here during last Sunday's shootout, it was learned today.

David Munch, a sheriff's deputy from neighboring Jefferson Parish, who answered police radio calls for help shortly after fires broke out in the hotel, has told his superiors that he was shot by one of two black men who spotted him stepping into the eighth floor hallway from the stairwell.

"One of them blasted at him with a shotgun and knocked him against the wall," a Jefferson Parish sheriff's spokesman said.

With Munch at the time were two New Orleans police officers, who hurriedly pulled him back to avoid another burst of fire.

The two assailants then fled down the hall in the other direction.

New Orleans police investigating the 12-hour weekend rampage of murder and arson so far have said that a .44-caliber magnum carbine, recovered at the side of slain sniper Mark James Robert Essex on the hotel roof seemed to be the only weapon used against police, firemen, hotel employees and guests.

Munch has yet to give a formal statement to New Orleans police, but is expected to do so shortly.

Hit in the side and arm, Munch was treated at Charity Hospital Sunday morning and returned some two hours later to the scene to help his fellow officers.

Mark Essex harassed in Navy, hated whites. Page A6.