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Maj. Duke in Line For Sirgo's Post

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Maj. Anthony Duke, supervisor of the traffic division, apparently will succeed the late Louis Sirgo as the No. 2 man in the New Orleans Police Department.

Unofficial police sources revealed today the 26-year police veteran will be named deputy superintendent, second in command to Police Supt. Clarence B. Giarrusso.

Sirgo was killed by sniper fire during a Jan. 7 shootout at the Downtown Howard Johnson Motor Hotel.

Duke, described as "very popular" with members of the NOPD, joined the force in 1946. The World War II Army Air Corps veteran has served in the motorcycle and training divisions, in the First, Fifth and Third districts and as a field supervisor.

After joining the force, Duke was promoted to sergeant in 1951, lieutenant in 1956, captain in 1961 and major in 1968.

When former Police Supt. Joseph I.



Maj. Anthony Duke

Giarrusso retired in 1970, Duke had the backing of the Patrolman's Association of New Orleans (PANO) for the No. 1 police job that eventually went to Clarence Giarrusso, brother of the retiring chief.

Maj. Duke, 56, is a graduate of Warren Easton High School and studied psychology and sociology at Tulane University.

He is active in Masonic circles and was in the trucking business before joining the police force.