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New Year's Eve

2 SNIPERS

Revolver Found

FIRED

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AT CADET

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At least two snipers fired on Central Lockup New Year's Eve when Police Cadet Alfred Harrell was shot to death and another officer wounded.

A source close to the investigation into the death of Harrell, and the sniper killings of six others in a Jan. 7 shootout at the Downtown Howard Johnson's, said police have recovered a .38 caliber revolver that was used to fire on the lockup.

Officially, police have said that Mark Essex, the sniper killed atop the Howard Johnson's on the night of the sniping attack there, was the only sniper firing on policemen at Central Lockup.

The .44 magnum rifle used by Essex in the motel incident has been identified as the weapon that killed Harrell and seriously wounded Patrolman Edwin Hosli minutes later at a Gayoso Street warehouse.

Official police sources would not comment today on the discovery of the hand gun but it was learned that police recovered shell casings from both the Essex rifle and the revolver near Central Lockup.

Police have learned the revolver was stolen outside of New Orleans.

It is believed the revolver was recovered from a car found near the scene of the police complex and that the car has been traced to Essex. The car was located on Perdido Street, between South White and South Dupre. It was not located until after the Howard Johnson's shootings.

It also was learned today that Essex did not suffer a cut hand, as some reports have indicated, in the warehouse from where Hosli was shot.

Police said they found blood at the scene of that shooting but

the Orleans Parish coroner's office today said an examination of Essex' body revealed he had received no cut on the hand.

There have been reports a man with a cut hand entered a Gayoso Street grocery after the Harrell and Hosli shootings and that the owner of the store, Joseph L. Perniciaro, may have reported this to police. It was generally believed that the man with the cut hand was Essex.

The coroner's office report would seem to eliminate this possibility.

Sources now say it is believed the man with the cut hand was Essex' companion on the night Harrell and Hosli were shot. It is this man, the sources said, that police are now seeking and the man police believe was firing the stolen revolver on New