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Reagan Orders Probe Of Violence in Prisons

SACRAMENTO, Cal. (AP)—Gov. Reagan has ordered a top-level investigation of the past 20 months of California prison violence, much of which he blames on "self-proclaimed revolutionary forces" inside prisons and out.

In an unusual executive order, Reagan told the nine-member state Board of Corrections yesterday to investigate the escape attempt at San Quentin Prison on Aug. 21 in which three guards and three convicts, including black militant George Jackson, were killed.

He also ordered the board to review other violence back to the start of 1970—a period in which eight guards and 24 inmates have died in the 15 state prisons.

"The public is entitled to know the truth," he said. "Our correctional officers and their families are entitled to personal safety."

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