

Five San Quentin Deaths Charged To Young Lawyer

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Five counts of murder were filed Tuesday against attorney Stephen Mitchell Bingham, described by San Quentin Prison authorities as the last man to visit Spanish Brother George Jackson before an escape attempt that left six men dead.

Marin County Dist. Atty Bruce Bates told a news conference his investigation had convinced him that Jackson could not have obtained a gun used in the violence during a visit from the 29-year-old attorney. Bingham's grandson, the late former Communist Party U.S. Sen. William Bingham, is charged in the slaying and shooting deaths of three guards and two inmates under a Cali-

ifornia law which holds an accomplice equally responsible with the person who actually commits a crime.

Jackson was shot dead by tower guards outside the prison Adjustment Center where he and the other dead inmates were housed.

Prison officials have said that Jackson underwent a thorough search before meeting with Bingham in a visiting room and pulled a .38mm pistol from a waistband hidden in his escape attempt.

There is no other way that Jackson could have obtained the death gun except during his visit with Bingham just before the killings commenced.

In a criminal complaint filed in Marin County Municipal Court, Bates said that within half an hour after Jackson pulled the gun, officers Frank DeLeon, 44, Paul Krasenos, 39, Sgt. Vere Graham, 39, and two other guards in Jackson's cell, two alleged gunshot wounds to the neck and one to the head, and one by gunshot to the throat.

The bodies of inmates John Kane and Ronald L. Kane, also were found in the cell. Bates said each of deep wounds to the throat.

Bates said Jackson killed at least one of the correctional officers with the pistol, which was found on his body along with other containing live ammunition.

The district attorney said it could be most appropriate to charge Bingham in Jackson's slaying.

Bingham was charged under California law under which he is accused of murder, conspiracy and conspiracy in the slaying of the guards. County courthouse officials said they took four lives, including that of George Jackson's 17-year-old brother Jonathan.

Since the Aug. 21 bloodshed, eight San Quentin prison guards have resigned, and Acting Associate Warden Joseph R. O'Brien blamed the resignations Tuesday on "people getting depressed to the point where they want to step out."