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# SF Chronicle He Tells of Inmates' Murder

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The two inmates knifed to death by fellow convicts during Saturday's bloody breakout try at San Quentin Prison were killed because they refused to take part in the desperate escape attempt. The Chronicle was told by a prison guard yesterday.

John Lynn and Ronald Kane had just completed kitchen duties and were returning to their cells in the adjustment center when they suddenly found themselves surrounded by several armed convicts.

"We're breaking out," one convict told them. "Are you with us?"

Lynn, 29, serving a lengthy term for murdering a deputy sheriff, and Kane, 28, doing time for having made a jail escape himself, looked at each other and then Kane said:

"We won't get in your way . . . but we don't want in."

"If you're not with us, then you're against us — and you're going to die," they were told.

With that, while each was being held by two convicts, Lynn and Kane died in savage fashion. Their throats were slit.

A prison guard described the death of the two white inmates. He said investigators knew the identity of several

convicts who took part in the slaying of two inmates and the three correctional officers.

All information resulting from the investigation is being passed on to Marin county District Attorney Bruce Bales for his assessment as to what charges may be filed against those who took part in the aborted escape attempt.

San Quentin officials were generally close-mouthed yesterday. They refused to com-

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ment, for example, on a report that a continuing search of the adjustment center had turned up a map with an escape route from the prison marked out.

## WEAPONS

There was also a report that a zip gun had been found in a bar of soap in the cell of George Jackson, the "Soledad Brother" who was killed in the escape attempt. The search previously had turned up some shotgun and pistol ammunition and plastic explosives.

Officials at the prison did confirm that they had been in possession for some time of a letter outlining an escape plan.

The letter was said to have been smuggled to Jackson by a former cellmate, who offered to help the black revolutionary escape. Jackson reportedly wrote an answer on the back of the letter and smuggled it out. The reply, it was said, instructed Jackson's sisters to hide Derringers in the hollowed-out heels of their shoes, conceal plastic

explosives in their vaginas and smuggle them into the prison.

## PANTS

According to the reports, the ex-cellmate left the letter in the pocket of a pair of pants when he sent them to the cleaners. Someone at the cleaners turned the letter over to police, who copied it and returned the original to

the pants pocket.

There was one announcement from the prison yesterday.

Associate Warden James W. L. Park said that another search of the Adjustment Center cells had turned up a "store bought" Afro-style wig. It was found jammed in a cell toilet, he said.

Park would not comment on how the wig might be connected with the escape plot, but it is known that he and others investigating the incident feel it was used by Jackson to smuggle a gun from the visiting room where he met with an attorney just before the breakout try began.

Officials believe the gun, a small Spanish - made 9-mm. automatic, was carried into

the prison hidden in a tape recorder, the working parts of which had been removed.

Authorities were still waiting for the attorney, Stephen Mitchell Bingham of Berkeley, to come forward to answer questions about his 30-minute meeting with Jackson. They are particularly interested in discussing the tape recorder, which they say, he was carrying in his briefcase when he entered the prison.

Neither Bingham, or the young black woman who accompanied him on his visit to San Quentin, could be found yesterday. Prison sources have identified the woman as Vanetta Anderson, a legal investigator who works for an East Bay law firm.

She remained behind in the prison hobby shop while Bingham conducted his interview with Jackson, prison officials have said.

Several longtime friends of Bingham told The Chronicle they have not heard from him since the San Quentin incident.

Most agreed with the theory he has made either direct or indirect contact with

Bales and agreed to come forward at some point, but the district attorney declined comment about that.

Sources in Marin county, however, confirmed that an all points bulletin — ordering Bingham and the woman picked up and detained for questioning — was radioed shortly after the breakout attempt, and then abruptly dropped the following day.

At San Quentin, 2240 inmates remained locked in their cells last night, but 460 men who live in the West Block were allowed to return to their jobs in prison workshops. The West Block convicts are considered the most trustworthy of the prison's population.

The 26 convicts who were freed from their cells by Jackson after he pulled the gun on guards were moved to the Adjustment Center's second tier. Although they are closely watched, their life is little different than before the breakout try.

Park emphatically denied any of the 26 convicts have been beaten or harassed "at any time . . . before, during or after the incident."