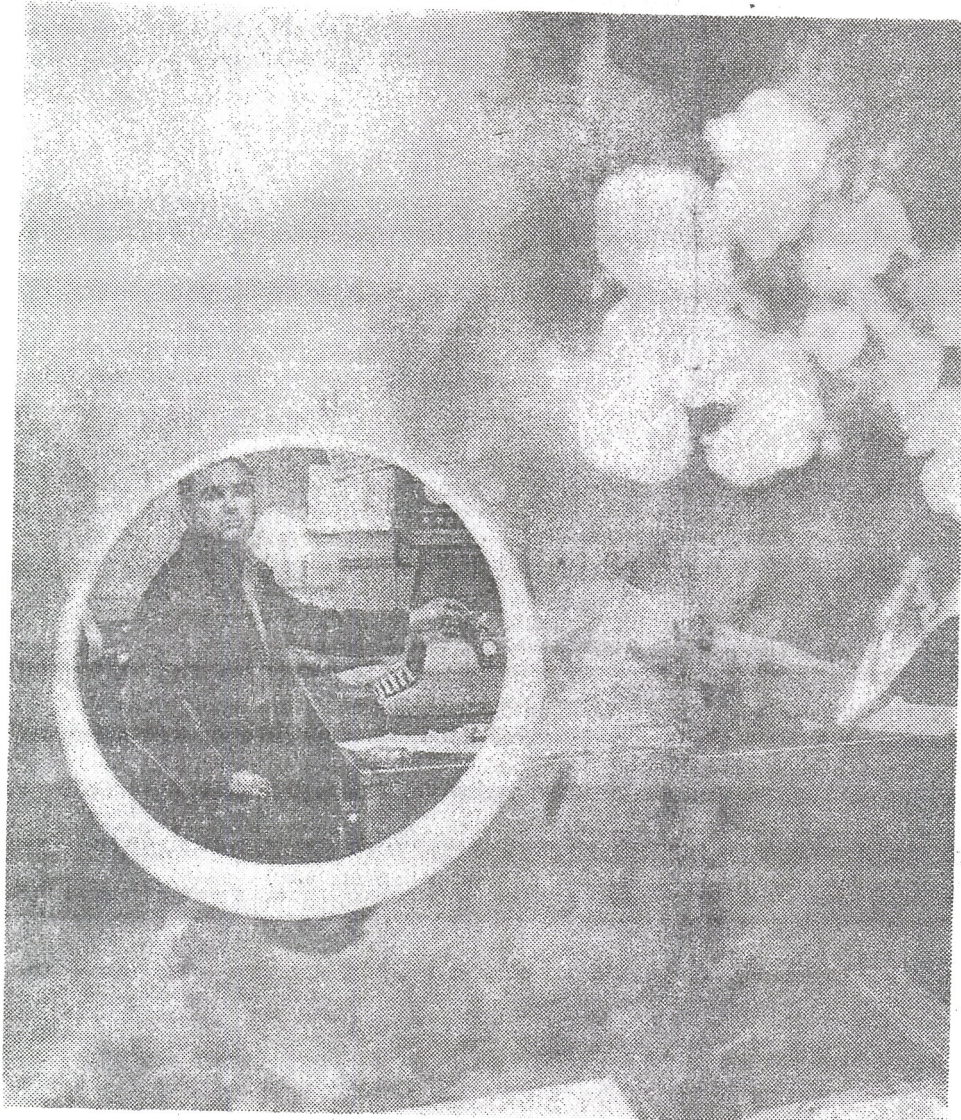


S.F. Policeman Is Killed By Gunmen In Station

Shotgun Attack in Ingleside



A police sergeant was killed and a woman clerk wounded at the Ingleside District Police Station last night when two gunmen entered the station, stuck a 12-gauge shotgun through an opening in a bullet-proof glass window and blasted away.

Sergeant John Victor Young of 1533 45th avenue, who was standing in a cubicle behind the window, was hit by a blast in the upper right chest that blew out his entire chest, police reported.

Clerk Ellen Lipney, who was hit by shrapnel from the shotgun, was wounded in the left arm.

DOOR

After firing between five and ten blasts through the opening, the gunmen then fired at least four more blasts at a door near the entrance of the station, police said. They also fired several bullets from a 9mm automatic pistol

By Larry Tiscornia

The shotgun was jammed through this hole in the glass and fired

The door blocks the entrance to the rest of the station at San Jose and Ocean avenues. At the time of the attack — about 9:40 — only one other officer, Jim Nance, was in the station. Nance rushed to Young, whose last words were: "Help me."

He was too late to chase the gunmen but police believe they ran behind the station and went through a hole cut in a 12-foot chain link fence to Highway 280, where a car waited, possibly with a driver.

DESCRIPTION

Police radio broadcast a description of one of the suspects, described as a slender black man in his early 20s, about six feet tall, wearing a light shirt, with a medium Afro hairdo and very dark skin.

Immediately after the shooting, the Ingleside dispatcher screamed over the police radio, "A sergeant's been shot. A sergeant's been shot. Get an ambulance over here."

Within minutes, police

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sealed off the area and began a search of the southwest corner of the city.

UNITS

All units were called to the Ingleside station and a tight security net was thrown over the area. Roadblocks were set up and dog units were sent to Balboa Park, near the station.

Officers began a check of all taverns, pool halls, bowling alleys and bars on Mission street and Ocean avenue.

A warning went out over the police radio to beware of diversions, such as reports of fires or accidents. Stations were ordered to place armed guards at the entrances or gates.

Tight security was also set up at San Francisco fire stations and the Daily City Police Department.

The police department's Catholic chaplain, John Magee, arrived shortly before



Police Chief Nelder stood before the glass, marked by wild shots fired by the gunmen after Sergeant Young was killed

11 p.m. and performed last rites over Young's body as it lay covered by a white sheet in the rear of a coroner's van.

BANK

A Bank of America branch in Stonestown was bombed shortly before the shooting and tension mounted as a report came in of a fire in nearby John McLaren Park. place in a ..ewA,ofid

The three incidents took place in a 1½-hour period and in a 3½-mile area that cuts almost a straight line across the southwest portion of the city.

Police reported that a truck, with dual wheels and carrying two suspects, was seen leaving the rear of the station just after the shooting. Officers are also seeking

a young woman who was in the station making a lost purse report about two minutes before the shooting.

ASSAULT

Chief Alfred J. Nelder described the assault as "the senseless killing of a wonderful person and one of the finest police officers in the department."

"They really killed the wrong man," he said.

Young, 45, was married and had no children. He had been with the San Francisco Police Department for over 15 years and had recently transferred to Ingleside after serving in the legal department at the Hall of Justice.

Supervisor Terry Francois, who joined the chief at the scene of the killing, said he

knew of no motive for the attack.

"Of course there's no motive," he said bitterly. "There's no need for a motive. If you are a police officer today, you are automatically subject to this kind of thing."

Francois said he felt armed guards should be on duty at all stations during the hours of darkness.

"I intend to make that proposal . . ." he said, then turned to Nelder and added, ". . . after we attend another funeral, chief."

Within an hour after the shooting, Mayor Joseph Alioto said he would authorize the immediate posting of a city-sponsored reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved in the incident.



Police with dogs moved out of the Ingleside station to begin hunt