

Manhunt for 2 Gunmen-- Woman Shot

By Birney Jarvis

An intensive manhunt was under way for two men who blasted the Ingleside District Police Station with shotgun and small arms fire last night, killing a police sergeant and wounding a female stenographer.

Chief of Inspectors Charles Barca said he was convinced the plan was "to wipe out the station — no survivors." Only one of three persons on duty at the time escaped unscathed.

Sgt. John Victor Young, 51 died moments after the blast from a .12 gauge shotgun caught him without warning in the upper chest.

The stenographer, Mrs. Ellen (Nina) Lipney, 31, underwent surgery at Mission Emergency Hospital early today to remove two pellets from another shotgun blast which fractured a bone in her left arm.

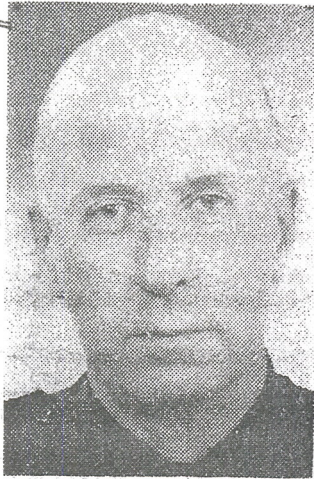
Immediate Reward

Mayor Joseph Alioto, an hour after the shooting, said a \$5000 reward would be posted immediately for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

The gunmen — described as black and in their early 20's — burst into the police station in Balboa Park at 9:40 p.m. yesterday.

They apparently gained entrance by cutting and peeling back a section of wire fence that separates northbound traffic on the Ocean Avenue on-ramp to the Southern Freeway (280) from the rear of the station.

Barca said fresh tread and skid marks, typical of the "peeling rubber" effect of a fast start, were found on the roadway in a lane in which cars do not normally stop. The marks were just opposite the hole in the fence.



JOHN V. YOUNG
Senselessly murdered

Information Requested

Police requested information from anyone who may have seen a car parked there about that time. They theorized that a driver might have been waiting for the two gunmen who actually did the shooting.

One man, about six feet tall with very dark skin and a medium Afro hairstyle shoved the muzzle of his shotgun through a speaking hole in a bullet proof glass partition and began firing.

Another policeman, James

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Nance, who was typing a report at a desk behind Sgt. Young, said he dropped to the floor when the shooting started and crawled to where the sergeant lay mortally wounded.

Young's last words, Nance said, were, "Help me."

As Nance dragged Sgt. Young out of the line of fire, at least two more shotgun blasts were pumped into the room, one of which wounded the stenographer.

Although Nance escaped the gunfire, he was suffering from shock today and was taken to San Francisco General Hospital for treatment.

In the few moments that followed, the killers frenziedly emptied their guns — the shotgun and a 9 mm automatic pistol — into the walls, windows and doors of the police station, apparently stopping to reload at least once.

An armored door leading into the restricted squadroom was poked by close-range shotgun blasts but none of the bullets penetrated.

Other bullets penetrated the wall alongside, but did not strike anyone.

Fifteen or more shots were fired, police said.

Captain Barca said that if Mrs. Lipney had not been less than five feet tall and slight in build, she would have been killed. As it was, she was able to fold herself into the space behind a filing cabinet.

By the time two other policemen, one upstairs and the other in the squadroom, could get outside, the killers had fled into the wooded area surrounding the station.

A massive search was launched moments after the shooting when Mrs. Lipney who, though painfully wounded, calmly broadcast the alarm over the station radio:

"Code 33. Code 33 (clear all channels — emergency).

"Ingleside Station. Get an ambulance over here. There's been a shooting."

"How bad is it, Nina?" an unidentified officer asked.

"The sergeant's been shot and so have I," Mrs. Lipney

said.

Park Surrounded

All available police units were ordered to surround the area of Balboa Park, bordered by San Jose and Ocean Avenues and several police dog patrols were sent into the park in the hope of flushing out the suspects.

Officers were ordered to check all taverns, poolhalls, restaurants and "anything that's open" in a mile-wide area around the scene of the shooting.

Warnings were broadcast to all stations — and to Daly City police — to beware of false reports of fires or accidents which would divert officers from their stations.

Guards armed with shotguns were stationed at entrances to the stations and at the Hall of Justice. Tight security was also ordered at all fire stations.

Searching policemen found at least two sets of footprints near the hole in the wire fence, which was just wide enough for a man to slip through.

They also discovered several live shotgun shells, and a small key which may fit the glove compartment of the getaway car.

About 70 feet from the skid marks, to the rear and south of the station, were found the imprints of a dual-wheeled truck's tires on grass.

They were "pretty fresh," Barca said, and could have been made some time yesterday but they were not directly linked to the crime.

A Hunters Point Housing Patrol Officer reported that he saw a rust colored Dodge sedan cruising near the police station before the shooting.

The same car had also been seen near a headquarters for black militants in a housing project near Ellsworth Street and Alemany Boulevard officers said.

(Police said there is nothing to indicate at this time that the shooting was an act of vengeance because of the killing at San Quentin of "Soledad Brother" George Jackson.

(Jackson was shot to death

by guards as he attempted to escape from a maximum security section of the prison a week ago Saturday. Five other people — two white prisoners and three white guards — were brutally slain during the escape attempt.)

Crime Report

Investigators are also searching for a young white woman who was in the squad room reporting a crime two minutes before the shooting. Officers said she disappeared during the confusion.

Supervisor Terry Francois, on the scene soon after the shooting, said he will recommend that "immediate steps" be taken to ensure security at all police stations.

"We obviously didn't take sufficient steps to secure the stations after the bombing of Park Station (in which another police sergeant was killed.)

"There's no need for any motive now — if you are a police officer, you are apparently a target for killers," Francois said.

He added that there is a measure on the June ballot which will recommend construction of a new Ingleside station because of its vulnerability.

'Wonderful Person'

Police Chief Alfred Nelder, shocked and angered by the senseless slaying of one of the department's most liked policemen, described Young as "a wonderful person."

After the fatal Park Station bombing, Nelder ordered all stations secured. A wire fence 10 feet high was put around the Ingleside Station and flood lights were installed.

One of the steps taken after the Park station bombing was to mount louvered metal plates over the speaking holes in the bullet-proof glass windows at station counters.

These seriously hamper communications, however, and one of two at Ingleside had been removed. It was through the resultant opening that the fatal shots were fired.

Father John McGee, the Police Department's Catholic

chaplain, performed the last rites over Young's body as it lay on a stretcher in the coroner's van.

Young, who was married but had no children, was a devout Catholic and attended services regularly, his friends said.

A career policeman, Young had served for more than 15 years.

Sgt. Young was the sixth San Francisco police officer to meet death by gunfire or bombing in the past 20 months.

The other victims:

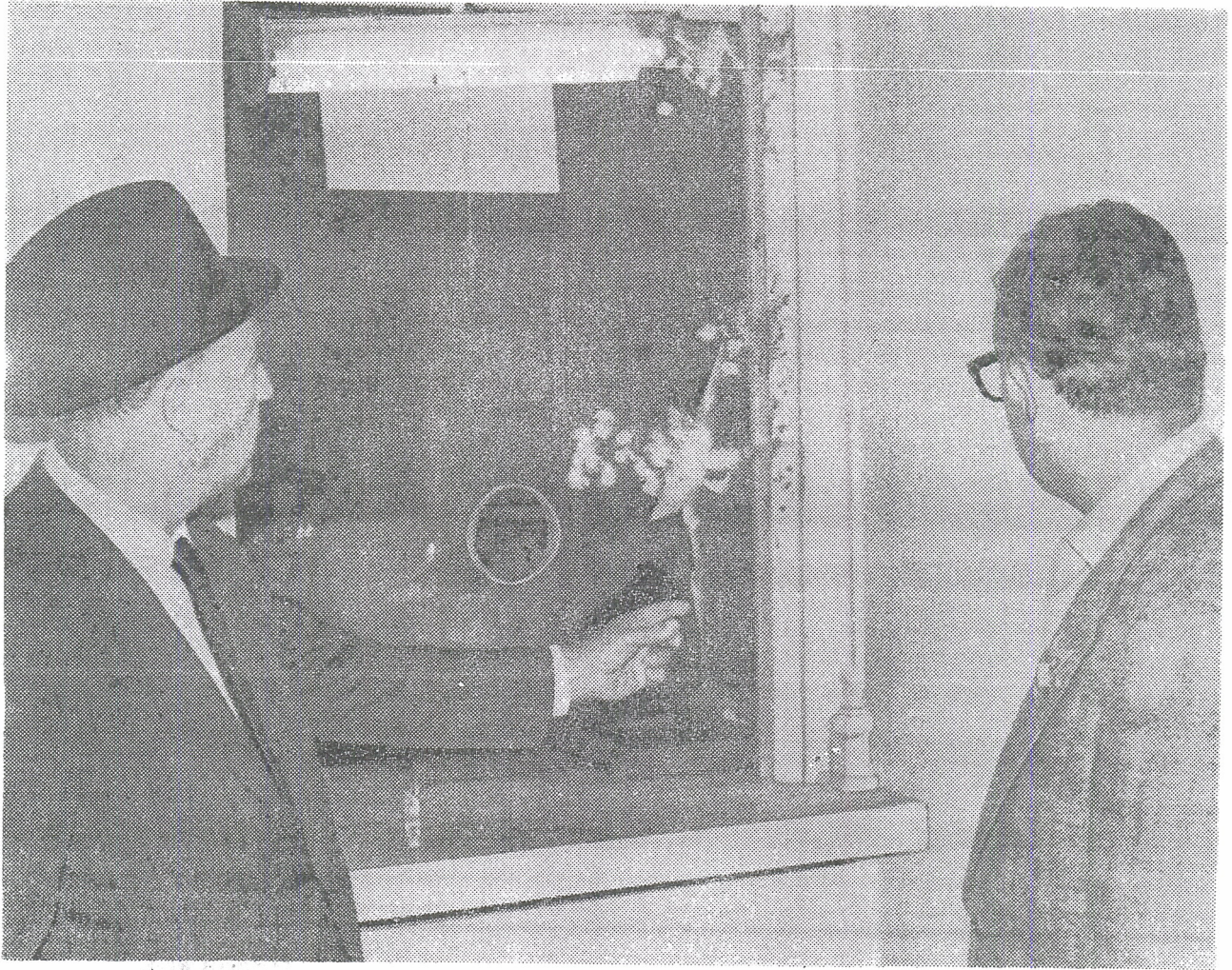
Patrolman Eric Zelms, shot and killed by a fleeing robber in the Tenderloin, Jan. 1, 1970.

Sgt. Brian McDonnell, killed in the bombing of Park Police Station, Feb. 18, 1970.

Pat. Richard Radetich, shot and killed by an assassin as he checked a park car in the Panhandle, June 19, 1970.

Patrolman Harold Hamilton, killed by gunfire in a bank holdup on Clement Street, Oct. 19, 1970.

Patrolman Arthur O'Guinn, shot to death as he stopped a car for questioning in the Bayview, July 30, 1971.



POLICE CHIEF NELDER AND CAPT. CHARLES BARCA INSPECT BULLET MARKS ON WINDOW

Killers not only fired through speaking hole; they blasted at the bullet-proof glass