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# Prisoner Whisked From 'Q'

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A new element of mystery has been injected into the aftermath of the Aug. 21 San Quentin violence with the disappearance of one of the convicts involved, The Examiner learned today.

Prison officials reluctantly confirmed yesterday that convict Allan Mancino, one of the 27 inmates in the maximum security Adjustment Center where the violence occurred, has been "removed" from the prison hospital and the prison itself.

## Spirited Away

They admitted he was taken from the prison "before Saturday" but refused to say why or how he was taken or where he is now.

Reliable sources told The Examiner, however, that Mancino was spirited away in an unmarked prison car over the weekend and now is believed to be under heavy guard at Vacaville.

The source said it appeared Mancino was under pressure to be a state's witness against several other convicts in the Adjustment Center.

## Silence

"The word is that he was moved from San Quentin to protect his life," the source said. "When official comment is made it probably will be that Mancino, as a material witness, was in danger of being murdered to silence him."

Prison officials flatly refused to discuss Mancino or his removal. They even refused, when asked, to supply his age, his hometown, what he was convicted of or why

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he was in the Adjustment Center.

Mancino, a white, is known to have had close ties with at least some of the black political militants in the Adjustment Center, including, the source said, George Jackson.

He was wounded in the aftermath of the abortive escape attempt involving Jackson Aug. 21 but details of the wounding — and, in fact, Mancino's role in the violence — were hazy.

Prison officials first said he was shot in the leg with a shotgun when he "acted like he was getting up" when the Adjustment Center residents were being forced to lie nude and face down outside the center while a shakedown for weapons was underway.

## Ricochet

The prison later said he was wounded by ricocheting cement pieces sent flying by a warning shot.

Dr. Carlton Goodlett, a black leader and physician who visited the prison Friday with other black leaders, said he was not allowed to see Mancino but he had seen his medical chart. His wounds, the chart revealed, would be consistent either with ricocheting cement or shotgun pellets, Goodlett said.

Some radical lawyers have claimed since the violence that Mancino's "leg was shot off," a version denied by Goodlett and by a panel of three Marin doctors' who reportedly saw Mancino in the hospital last week. The doctors' identities were withheld.

Monday, a team of black legislators and four members of the Marin County Grand Jury were in the prison but did not visit the prison hospital where Mancino had been since his removal.

## Lawyer

Richard Doctoroff, a Prison Law Project attorney who represented Mancino several months ago when he was at the California Men's Colony, also said yesterday he had tried to visit Mancino.

"They refused because I was not the attorney of record," Doctoroff said of unsuccessful attempts Thursday, Friday and Monday. "They won't tell me who the attorney of record is or even if there is one."

Joseph O'Brien, spokesman for the prison, said; "In this particular area, we have no comment right now. Right at this point, we don't want to make any comment in any direction. That's the word I get from people here."

He added that Mancino's case "may be" discussed with Marin District Attorney Bruce Bales but would not elaborate.