

Autopsy Change in Marin Shootout

One of the men who performed autopsies on Jonathon Jackson and William Christmas, killed in the Aug. 7, 1970, Marin County Civic Center escape attempt, yesterday filed an amended report which reversed an earlier finding.

The bullets which struck Jackson, younger brother of slain Soledad Brother George Jackson, and San Quentin convict Christmas, entered their backs and exited from the front, rather than traveling front to back.

Dr. John Mainwaring, Marin County pathologist, said in the report filed with the county coroner that examination of the clothing worn by Jackson and Christmas, and

consultation with ballistics experts, led him to reverse his original conclusion.

Mainwaring said the unusual delay was due to "this being an unusual case." Mainwaring wasn't able to examine the clothing until July of this year, when it was returned by California's Department of Criminal Investigation and Identification.

Last month, the attorney for Ruchell Magee, another convict involved in the fatal escape try, filed a motion to exhume the body of Marin Judge Harold Haley, also killed during the shootout. The motion requested a new autopsy because the original contained "faulty and gross omissions."