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Judge Refuses to Act in Quentin Escape Try Case

A judge refused yesterday to block grand jury proceedings against three suspects in the bloody San Quentin escape attempt.

Defense attorneys sought to block the possibility of indictments being issued on grounds the Marin county grand jury may be biased by the extensive publicity.

But Marin county Superior Court Judge Joseph G. Wilson denied outright the request that he intervene in the grand jury proceeding on grounds he doesn't have the authority.

"Nothing has come to my attention that would justify intervening," he told attorneys for fugitive lawyer Stephen Bingham and San Quentin inmates Larry Spain and Hugo Pinell.

Six persons, including George Jackson, were killed in the attempted prison escape.
