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Attributed to "prison officials," presumably San Quentin: "They said the 25 year old convict was sentenced in 1965\* to six months to life for robbery in Los Angeles County. While he was at Soledad in 1968, he received an additional one to 20 year sentence for assault to commit sodomy."

Larry D. Hatfield, SFEEx 1 Sep 71,  
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"Convicted of robbery two years ago\*, the 25 year old Mancino was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of five years to life, which give him - in prison parlance - a 'life top.' He is a lifer. Shortly after he arrived in the Soledad facility for which his crime and personality classified him, he was charged with 'an infamous crime against nature.' Prosecuted in Monterey County, he was sentenced to an additional one to 20 years and transferred to the San Quentin adjustment center."

Robert Patterson, Carson City,  
SFEEx 8 Sep 71

"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." [Earlier in the story, quotes attributed to "the source" suggest someone not connected with SQ.]

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"Joseph O'Brien, spokesman for the prison, said [Mancino] was in Q's Adjustment Center because he was 'a problem case and gets involved in assaultive situations and disobeying the rules. He has a lot of hostility toward other inmates and he's always involved. If something is going on, he's in the fringes of it.'"

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\*Afterthought: Could these be two different convictions?

The following inmates were on the first floor tier of Adjustment Center at the time of the violence there 21 Aug 71. Both stories by NYTimes are datelined San Quentin; that of 25 Aug is without byline, that of 3 Sep is by Wallace Turner.

<u>NYTimes 25 Aug:</u>	<u>NYTimes 3 Sep:</u>	.	<u>Killed:</u>
17 Black	17 Black	:	George Jackson
5 Chicano	4 Chicano	:	
1 Puerto Rican	1 Puerto Rican	:	
<u>4 White</u>	<u>4 White</u>	:	Frank M. Lynn, Ronald L. Kane
27	26		

An unsuccessful attempt was made 24 Aug to introduce in San Francisco Superior Court a handwritten petition, dated 23 Aug 71, signed by "26 inmates involved in Saturday's alleged escape attempt" (Washington), or, "all 26 inmates who were witnesses to Saturday's bloody incident" (Finley). Petition was written in the form of a restraining order against further prison "brutality," and "accused prison authorities of touching off the trouble as part of a conspiracy 'to kill George Jackson.'" (See item \* , p. 2.)  
 Tim Finley, Huel Washington, SFCh 25 Aug 71

Both stories by the Times above suggest the listing is of prisoners before the killing. The report carried 25 Aug says, "Of the four white prisoners locked in the first-floor tier of the Adjustment Center, two were killed by the other convicts and two saved their lives by keeping their cell doors closed, officials said." This would leave 24 survivors. SFCh 25 Aug gives 26 as the number signing the petition, but does not list all of those signing; the names of only 10 appear in reproduction of affidavit; the signatures are not dated.

"Allan Mancino, one of the 27 inmates in the Adjustment Center where the violence occurred .... "

Larry D. Hatfield, SFEx 1 Sep 71, 1-star ed

"[John] Thorne [Jackson's attorney] ... produced [at press conference 16 Sep] a handwritten affidavit signed by 24 inmates in the San Quentin adjustment center .... " Story does not give date of this petition and does not say if it is a different one from that dated 23 Aug. (See item \* , p. 2.)

SFCh 17 Sep

If the figures in the last two items are correct, the total given by NYTimes 25 Aug would also be correct and would be the total present before the killing. This would mean Mancino was one of the two white prisoners who locked themselves into their cells, and would also mean he signed the petition. (According to SFEx 1 Sep, prison officials say he was removed from SQ "before Saturday [28 Aug]", and if this was after 23 Aug, the date of the petition, it would have been possible for him to have signed it. This supposition is strengthened by phrase used in story by Hatfield, that Mancino was moved out of SQ "over the weekend," attributed to "reliable sources." Aug 23 was a Monday.) Finley's figure of 26 for those signing may be incorrect, but he says "all ... witnesses."

Larry D. Hatfield, SFEx 1 Sep 71, 1-star ed  
 Tim Finley, SFCh 25 Aug 71

" ... in the Adjustment Center's first floor ... were housed 27 prisoners ..... guards found 23 of the prisoners alive ... " (Is 23 a typo?)

Wallace Turner, datelined San Quentin,  
 NYTimes 23 Aug

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SFEx's paraphrase of overt acts listed in grand jury indictment says that when Jackson was returned to the adjustment center there were "26 other inmates" there.  
Stephen Cook SFEx 1 Oct 71

- \* John Thorne, in letter to California legislature (no date given), says affidavit brought to court 24 Aug 71 by Drumgo and Clutchette was "signed by almost all, if not all, of the men in the adjustment center ... "  
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