

Haley Death Gun Identified

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SAN JOSE — The shotgun that killed Superior Court Judge Harold Haley during the shootout at the Marin County Civic Center was definitely identified today by a state criminologist.

Fred H. Wynbrandt, chief of the technical services department of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, testi-

fied that it was the weapon taped to the jurist's neck by convict James McClain, one of the would-be escapers in the August, 1970, episode.

Prosecutor Albert Harris Jr. has charged that the weapon was purchased by Angela Davis, accused of abetting the courthouse conspiracy, on Aug. 5, 1970 — just two days before the shooting. He has not yet backed up that charge with

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a witness, however.

Wynbrandt said the identification was possible because the shotgun had been sawed off. When that is done, he explained, the sawing blade leaves a minutely jagged edge on the inside of the barrel.

The witness said he took the plastic shotgun shell power - piston that was re-

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covered from Judge Haley's head and compared it with a plastic wad which he testified fired from the suspect shotgun.

Striations, caused by the jagged edge of the inner barrel, appeared on both wads, and they match under microscopic examination, he said.

"This was the weapon that had fired the power - piston that was removed from Judge Haley," he testified.

Wynbrandt told the court that for his test round he had used one of 24 shotgun

shells found in a box in a briefcase that was in the getaway van. The box originally held 25 shells.

John Anwaring, Marin County pathologist, testified last week that the shotgun blast would certainly have killed Judge Haley, while a bullet wound of the left chest could have been fatal, but not necessarily.

Wynbrandt, who was questioned for an hour — mostly by the defense — as to his qualifications, was present at the autopsy on Judge Ha-

ley and three other victims of the shootout.

The shotgun was introduced as evidence in Miss Davis' trial earlier in the day as one of more than 100 items of evidence. They included three other guns which, like the shotgun, were allegedly supplied by Miss Davis to Jonathan Jackson who smuggled them into Judge Haley's courtroom.

Another seven guns entered as evidence today were recovered from the

yellow rental van in which Jackson and three escaping convicts with five hostages attempted their escape. They had been taken by the escapers from various law officers.

The exhibits also included countless press photographs of the escape and shootout, and bullets that were recovered from the bodies of victims and from inside the van.

Prosecutor Albert Harris Jr. already has produced witnesses who testified to

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Miss Davis' purchase of two of the guns, but has still to establish her ownership of the others.

The alleged Davis weapons included a 380 Browning automatic pistol, a 30 caliber Plainfield carbine with collapsible stock, the sawed-off shotgun, and an M-1 carbine.

Introduction of the exhibits was delayed for about an hour this morning by a conference between attorneys for both sides in the chambers of Superior Judge Richard Arnason.