

# Quentin Case Convict Stabs His Lawyer

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One of six inmates on trial for allegedly participating in an escape attempt from San Quentin stabbed his attorney during a conference yesterday, prison officials claimed.

The lawyer, however, flatly denied that the incident took place.

According to San Quentin spokesman Bill Nyberg, Hugo Pinell, 31, leaped from his seat during the discussion and stabbed his lawyer, Lynn Carman, in the throat with a ballpoint pen.

The incident, according to Nyberg, took place at 1:15 p.m. at the Marin county prison. The other five defendants and their lawyers were also present.

But, Carman, said:

"I was not stabbed, I was not wounded in any way, shape or form. I did not go to a doctor." He declined further comment.

Whatever happened, one witness agreed with Nyberg that a host of prison guards rushed in, subdued Pinell and hauled him out of the conference room.

Carman, Nyberg claimed, was bleeding from the mouth and throat and left the prison, after refusing an offer of medical aid.

"There was a stabbing," Nyberg stoutly maintained. "A prison guard sergeant saw it happen."

One witness present — who asked to remain anonymous — said that "Lynn was bleeding from the mouth when he left the room, and about 40 guards rushed in and took Pinell away."

That person, however, said he could not say whether Pinell stabbed his lawyer with a pen or any other weapon.

The trial was in recess yesterday, so Marin county Superior Court Judge Henry Broderick could handle other judicial tasks. Preliminary jury selection resumes at 9:30 a.m. today.

The escape attempt took place at San Quentin 3 1/2 years ago.

The six defendants are blamed for the death of three guards and two convict workers in San Quentin's Adjustment Center. George Jackson, nationally known advocate of prisoner unity, was shot and killed by a guard on that Saturday in August, 1971.

The other defendants are: Fleeta Drumgo, 29; David Johnson, 28; John Larry Spain, 25, Willie Tate, 30, and Luis Talamantez, 30.