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DALLAS SEPT (AP)-LARRY EARL RENO, 23-YEAR-OLD EX-CONVICT, WAS CHARGED WITH MURDER TODAY IN THE DEATH OF DALLAS TIMES HERALD NEWSMAN JIM KOETHE.

POLICE REPORTS ATTACHED TO THE CHARGES SAID THAT RENO CHOKED THE 30-YEAR-OLD REPORTER TO DEATH 10 DAYS AGO.

RENO WAS CONVICTED OF BURGLARY JULY 19 IN JUDGE JOE B. BROWN'S CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT, AND ASSESSED A TWO-YEAR SENTENCE. HE HAS BEEN GRANTED A NEW TRIAL ON A TECHNICALITY.

POLICE QUOTED WITNESSES AS SAYING RENO ATTEMPTED TO SELL A PISTOL, WRIST WATCH, POCKET WATCH AND RIFLE, ALL BELIEVED TAKEN FROM KOTHE'S APARTMENT FOLLOWING THE SLAYING.

KOETHE, A WRITER FOR THE TIMES HERALD SUNDAY MAGAZINE, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT MONDAY MORNING, SEPT.21, AFTER HE FAILED TO SHOW UP AT WORK.

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