

## SHOOTING OF AGENTS IS CONFIRMED BY F.B.I.

Incident at Stakeout at Bank in  
Jersey, Where 3 Were Wounded,  
Is Described by Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed today that bureau agents had wounded at least two and perhaps three fellow agents with shotgun fire in a stakeout that thwarted an attempted bank robbery in New Jersey. But a spokesman said that some of the wounds might have been caused by ricochets.

One man was shot dead at the wheel of what the bureau called the intended getaway car in the attempted robbery last Friday at the suburban Wood-Ridge National Bank in Wood-Ridge, N.J., 10 miles north of Newark.

A second man was wounded by gunfire, the bureau said, and one man was arrested and held on \$500,000 bond on a bank robbery charge. Three agents were wounded in the shooting, the agency spokesman said.

### Agents in Good Condition

The three agents, all attached to the bureau's Newark office, were admitted at nearby Hackensack Hospital in good condition, the spokesman said. The fourth man wounded at the scene was in serious condition at the same hospital.

A bureau statement gave the following account:

"All agents involved in the stakeout were in position when the suspected bank robbers arrived on the scene. The driver of the intended getaway car, Franklin Vuono, fired the first shot when agents across from the bank identified themselves and instructed Vuono to surrender.

"Agents across from the bank responded to Vuono's shot by shooting back at him. When the shooting commenced, one agent who was positioned inside the bank behind the teller's counter and protected from the shooting itself went to the front door of the bank to render assistance to agents outside, thinking that the bank robbers would escape.

"At this point he was struck by pellets from shotguns fired by agents shooting at the bank robbers. Preliminary investigation reveals that shotgun pellets may have ricocheted off the pavement of the street under the bank robbers' car and through the door of the bank.

"After this agent was wounded, three others left their cover to go to the wounded agent's aid, and at least one of them was struck by shotgun pellets. It has not been fully determined if another agent's wounds were caused by shotgun pellets or broken glass."