

# 3d Fairfax Officer Linked to Break-in

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Carl W. Buchholz, a former FBI agent who served seven years as Fairfax City chief of detectives, has been identified by city officials as the third city police officer involved in the 1971 Central Intelligence Agency break-in of a local photo studio.

Buchholz, 60, who has since retired from the city police force, yesterday declined to comment on reports that he was at the scene of the break-in, at 10419 Main St., on orders from then police chief Murray Kutner.

Sources in the city government said Buchholz, Kutner and Cpl. Robert L. Fleck were all there to ensure that passersby who stumbled on the CIA operation caused no trouble for themselves or the CIA agents.

"The whole idea was to keep some-

one from being shot," said one City Council member who was briefed Tuesday night on police involvement in the break-in by Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr.

In a report released June 10, the Rockefeller commission, which investigated CIA activities, said: "In 1971, three police officers from the Fairfax City police department accompanied Office of Security (CIA) personnel while they surreptitiously entered a business establishment in Fairfax, at night, without a warrant, to photograph some papers."

The commission called this the only instance it discovered "where local police actively participated in a CIA operation."

City officials said yesterday it is unclear whether any of the three officers

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allegedly involved ever entered the Roland Studio, the target of the break-in. The photography studio was operated by a former part-time CIA employee, Deborah Fitzgerald, and a former official in the Castro government in Cuba, Orlando Nunez.

Cpl. Fleck told reporters last week he acted as look-out, in uniform in a marked police car, during the break-in on orders from Kutner. He said that although there were several men in the vicinity of the building during the operation, the only police officer he could recognize in the dark was Kutner.

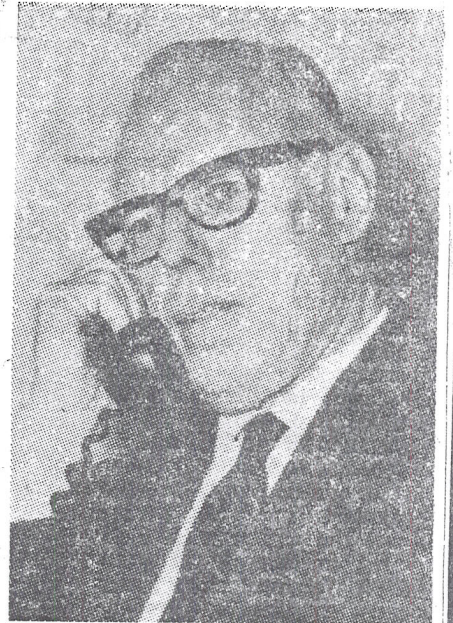
Fleck quoted Kutner as telling him afterwards that he had to remove the door from its hinges when a CIA lock expert failed to trip the lock, but Horan said Tuesday that Kutner has denied this.

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Horan indicated "there might have been other police officers down there in the vicinity" other than those identified, "but no one so far will give him (Horan) the names." Horan has declined to comment on involvement of any city police officers other than Fleck and Kutner. Police Chief Leonard P. Kline, who succeeded Kutner last Jan. 3, said he knew of the break-in at the time but did not go into the building.

Fairfax City Mayor Nathaniel Young said yesterday he thinks a majority of City Council members oppose disciplinary action against city police involved in the break-in. The officers, he said, "felt the CIA had a legal right to be there," even though the CIA is forbidden by its charter from engaging in domestic intelligence activities.

Police Chief Kline said he plans to promote Cpl. Fleck to sergeant next month.



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... former detective chief