

Tip Led to Capture Of Slaying Suspects

Fugitive convict Ronald Wayne Beaty, freed in a bloody ambush two months ago, and a woman companion, were caught on the Bay Bridge in a trap set by an informer, San Francisco police said yesterday.

Beaty, 35, a convicted robber, and Jean S. Hobson, 44, of Palo Alto were armed and a trunkload of weapons was found in their cars when it was stopped on the east-bound deck of the bridge Monday night, police said.

Authorities identified the bearded Beaty and Mrs. Hobson, the mother of three children, as members of Venceremos, a Maoist revolutionary organizations with headquarters on the Peninsula.

Both were booked for murder in connection with the ambush of two unarmed guards who were escorting Beaty from Chino Prison to a court appearance in San Bernardino on October 6. One guard was killed and the other wounded by an attacking party which included a woman.

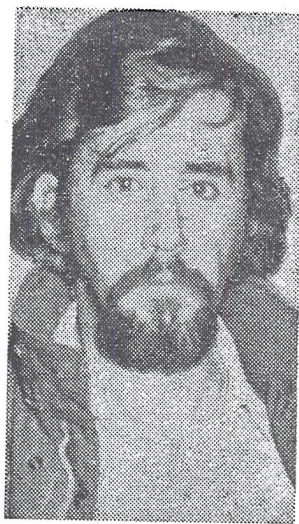
POLICE

Homicide Inspector Ken Manley said San Francisco police had been aware for two weeks from informants that Beaty — the object of a manhunt throughout the Southwest — was in the area.

Monday afternoon an unidentified telephone caller told officers Beaty was in San Francisco and on Monday evening the same man called to describe the route



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the fugitive was taking out of the city.

The car, a 1963 two-door Pontiac with New Mexico license plates, also was identified.

Officers Joe Carlin and Greg Beatty, staked out in the Turk and Gough street neighborhood, picked up the faded blue auto as it took the freeway on-ramp and trailed it toward the Bay Bridge.

ISLAND

The officers radioed ahead and a force of four highway patrol cars intercepted the fugitive's car on the east side of Yerba Buena Island.

Officers said they relieved the bearded, husky Beaty of a loaded Walther .38 revolver and took a .380 Smith-Wesson hand gun from Mrs. Hobson's purse.

A search of the car produced a sawed-off shotgun,

an M-1 rifle, two Army .45 automatics, a baseball type gas grenade and a smoke grenade.

Police said Mrs. Hobson first said she was from Texas. She later was identified as a militant activist on the Palo Alto scene, involved in the Tenants' Union movement. She ran unsuccessfully for City Council in 1971.

Inspector Manley said that police believe Mrs. Hobson, as a militant member of Venceremos, was a member of the two-car assault party which forced the guard's car off the road and left both officers for dead.

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Mrs. Hobson was handed over to San Bernardino police officers when they flew into San Francisco International Airport late yesterday afternoon to take her back to their jurisdiction.

Beaty was scheduled to appear before a United

States Commissioner this morning for arraignment on FBI fugitive charges before being returned to San Bernardino. At the time of his escape he was serving terms for robbery and kidnaping and awaiting the outcome of a charge of unlawful escape.

Already held by San Bernardino county authorities in connection with the ambush are Andrea Holman, 18, daughter of Stanford Medical School professor Halsted Holman, and Benton Douglas Burt, another Palo Alto activist.