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JAMES CARR
In S.F. jail

A Denial Of Jackson Escape Plot

James E. Carr, who has been mentioned as a co-conspirator in Saturday's San Quentin shootout, emphatically denied yesterday that slain inmate George Jackson was plotting to escape.

San Quentin authorities said they first learned of the escape plans after a Santa Cruz laundry turned over some allegedly incriminating notes found in a pair of trousers Carr had left to be cleaned.

Carr, a longtime friend of Jackson's who is now in the San Francisco county jail on charges stemming from a courtroom fracas during the Soledad case last April said no such escape notes existed.

CELLMATE

Carr, who was Jackson's cellmate at Soledad Prison, told a reporter: "I loved George Jackson ... There is no way I would let anyone send him a gun or explosives because (it would be) suicide."

Carr maintained that Jackson had been "in fear of his life for the last couple of years ... he felt the guards were going to kill him."

Carr was paroled in July, 1970, after spending seven years at Soledad and San Quentin on a robbery conviction in Los Angeles.

ASSISTANT

He served last fall and winter as a teaching assistant in calculus and history at the University of California at Santa Cruz — during the time authorities said the elaborate escape plot notes in the trouser pocket were discovered.

The authorities said the notes were Xeroxed and handed over to them, and the original copies — at their instruction — were put back in Carr's trousers to avoid raising his suspicion. The discovery was only made public after the alleged prison escape attempt last weekend.

Carr was jailed in April after a scuffling incident during a "Soledad Brothers" hearing here and booked on charges of parole violation and assault against an officer.