

Police Think Five Gunmen Made Attack on Station

'Several' Weapons In Slaying

Investigators said yesterday that at least five gunmen were believed to have taken part in the Sunday night attack on the Ingleside District Police Station in which a desk sergeant was killed and a woman clerk was wounded.

Lieutenant Charles Ellis, head of the police homicide detail, said evidence found at the scene indicated that "several" shotguns and a 9-mm. pistol were used to fire 14 blasts into the station.

Ellis would not disclose further details about the evidence. He said ten inspectors are working full-time on the case, and "we have some things we are going on."

GUARDS

Meanwhile, patrolmen with shotguns were posted yesterday at the entrances to all San Francisco police stations and at other institutions, including the police firing range and the radio transmitter on Twin Peaks.

"We're under full security," said Supervising Captain Jeremiah Taylor.

The special guards will augment other security precautions put into effect after a dynamite blast killed one officer and wounded



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OFFICER GEORGE BENNER STOOD GUARD AT INGLESIDE STATION
Patrolmen with shotguns were posted at all police facilities

eight at Park Station in February, 1970.

Those measures included heavy fencing around the stations. The fencing at Ingleside Station had been cut Sunday night.

DESCRIPTION

Police had a description of only one of the gunmen who attacked Ingleside Station — a young black man with an Afro haircut who shoved a 12-gauge shotgun through a speaking hole in the bullet-

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proof glass in front of the desk sergeant.

Lieutenant Ellis said Sergeant John Victor Young, 51, was hit full in the chest with a load of double-00 buckshot, fired from about six feet away. The sergeant, a veteran policeman and an immensely popular member of the force, died moments later.

Ellen Lipney, 31, the wounded clerk, was reported in satisfactory condition at San Francisco General Hospital yesterday after surgery to remove two pellets from her left arm, fractured by the buckshot.

Mayor Joseph Alioto, calling Young's death "a savage and senseless murder," posted a \$5000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers. He ordered city flags flown at half-staff until after Young's funeral, set for Thursday.

"If it takes a million dollars to get the assassins, that's what we should pay," said Gerald D'Arcy, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association. He called recent killings of policemen "definitely a national conspiracy against policemen by some maniacs."

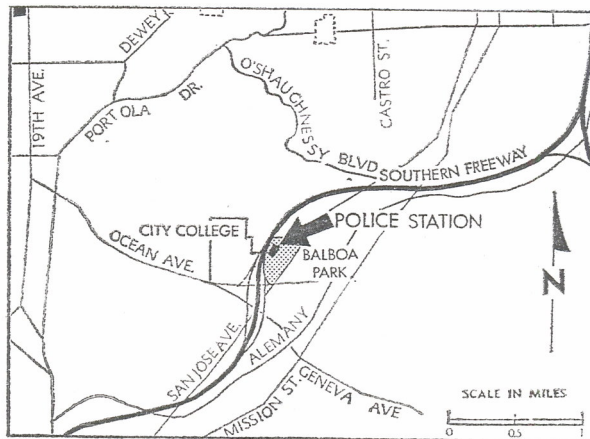
Meanwhile, the Board of Supervisors, which last year provided funds to fortify police stations here, called for hearings to see if additional protection should be provided.

Supervisor Terry A. Francois pointed out that funds for building an entirely new Ingleside station, where Sergeant Young was murdered, were included in a multi-purpose bond issue defeated by the voters last year.

In addition to calling for new station security hearings, the supervisors adjourned in Sergeant Young's memory and urged city officials to help Mrs. Lipney.



A shotgun-armed guard patrolled near the spot (arrow) where a hole was cut in the Ingleside station's protective fencing



Location of Ingleside station

She has a 13-year-old daughter to support and will only receive half-pay while recovering, the board noted.

Sergeant Young was the sixth San Francisco police officer slain on duty since early last year, the 81st in the department's history.

Investigators, who said evi-

dence indicated that the killers had at least one getaway car waiting, issued a call yesterday for anyone who saw a car parked on the Southern freeway behind Ingleside station between 9:40 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday to call police.

A number of calls, some of

them giving conflicting descriptions of such a car, already had been received, Ellis said.

Ellis said he believed the Sunday night shooting was part of a "revolutionary movement." He said it was "possible" that the bombing, less than an hour before, of a Bank of America branch in nearby Stonestown was a diversionary tactic.

Funeral arrangements for Sergeant Young were announced by Police Chief Alfred J. Nelder, who said he was "personally crushed" by "the senseless killing of a wonderful person."

The Rosary will recited at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday) at Holy Name Catholic Church, 39th avenue and Lawton street. There will be a Requiem Mass at the church Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Burial, with full police honors, will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.