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Police Seek

Woman

In Wig

5 Believed in Station Raid

A dark haired young white woman wearing a blonde wig was sought today for questioning in the shotgun attack on Ingle-side Police Station which left Sgt. John V. Young dead and clerk Ellen (Nina) Lipney wounded.

Homicide Lieut. Charles Ellis and Inspector Al Podesta said the woman may have "cased" the station for the killers, now believed to be as many as five.

The number involved was deduced from the discovery of shells from three and possibly four shotguns, and a 9 mm. automatic.

Getaway Cars

Two automobiles are believed to have been used as getaway cars on the basis of descriptions given, in response to pleas for public assistance, by motorists who passed the rear of the police station about the time the crime was in progress.

One was navy blue or black, and the other tan, and both were of early 60s vintage, the officers said.

The woman, about 25, came into the station at 9:10 p.m. Sunday to complain her purse had been stolen. She left 10 minutes later after giving the information to officer James Nance.

Typing

At 9:40 p.m., while Nance was typing out the report,

the gunmen — first described as two black men in their early 20's — burst into the station and started to fire.

At least 18 shotgun blasts plus shots from a 9-mm pistol were fired before the attackers left.

Besides Sgt. Young, 51, and Mrs. Lipney, 30, the only other officer in the station was Nance, who dropped flat on the floor and escaped the blasts.

Podesta said the woman

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complaining about a stolen purse gave addresses both in San Francisco and Sacramento.

"No one at the addresses knew her," said Podesta, who would not divulge the name the woman had given Officer Nance.

Interviews

He and his partner, Ronald Schneider, headed a team of homicide inspectors talking to people in the area who might have seen the woman.

Lt. Ellis, chief of the homicide bureau, said 10 inspectors are working full time on the case.

Asked whether he thought a "conspiracy" was involved, he replied, "I would think so."

Earlier, Gerald D'Arcy, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, said he had requested his group's members to "take any step necessary to insure their own safety."

He described as "utter nonsense" statements he attributed to "politicians throughout the country" that there is no organized national conspiracy to kill policemen.

"I think there is a definite conspiracy in this country to kill the first line of defense — the police officer," he told newsmen.

Funeral

D'Arcy said he would initiate a reward fund, controlled by the POA, for the arrest and conviction of people "assassinating our policemen."

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added \$5000 to a reward of a similar amount Mayor Alioto posted for The City for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Ingleside station attack.

Sgt. Young, a San Francisco native and a 22-year veteran of the police department, will lie in state after 7 p.m. tomorrow at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 39th Avenue at Lawton Street.

Mrs. Lipney was reported in satisfactory condition at San Francisco General Hospital after surgery to remove two pellets from her left arm in which the big bone had been broken.

She was sitting at her desk when one of the gunmen stuck a shotgun through a small circular window and blasted Young on his upper chest. Mrs. Lipney was the target of the second blast.

Officer Nance, sitting at a desk behind Sgt. Young, barely missed getting hit

when he dropped prone on the floor.

Reloads

The gunmen then sent one charge after another into the station, apparently reloading shotguns several times.

Initially, police had a description of only one of the gunmen, the young black man with a modified Afro haircut who shoved a 12-gauge shotgun through the speaking window opening.

The gunmen apparently gained entrance by cutting and peeling back a section of fence that separates northbound traffic on the Ocean Avenue on-ramp to the Southern Freeway from the rear of the station in Balboa Park.

"We have some things we are going on," said Lt. Ellis, but would not disclose any clues.

Young's death was called a "savage and senseless murder" by Chief Alfred Nelder and Mayor Alioto, who ordered City flags flown at half staff until after the slain officer's funeral Thursday.

The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Holy Name, where funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, followed by a celebrated Mass of the Resurrection.

The slain officer's widow, Mrs. Geraldine N. Young, preferred spiritual bouquets or donations to the Hanna Center for Boys, Sonoma.

Sgt. Young, one of the most popular officers in the department, was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was past president of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association and Our Lady of Fatima of the police department.

He was on the board of directors of El Retiro Retreat Association and the Police Post No. 456, American Legion.

Besides his wife, he is also survived by a brother, Alfred V. Young.

Sixth to Die

Sgt. Young was the sixth San Francisco police officer to be killed by gunfire or bombing in the past 20 months.

In the case of Mrs. Lipney, sole support of a 13 year old daughter, Mayor Alioto learned the wounded clerk would, under the City Charter provisions, receive only half pay until she recovers.

Alioto urged the supervisors to sweep aside red tape and make sure Mrs. Lipney receives full pay during her disability.

"It seems incredible to me that this can be so, but I am advised this (limit of half pay) is the actual situation. It is also incredible to me that the machinery of government cannot respond to such an obvious inequity."

The supervisors' Finance and Personnel Committees will meet later this week to study means of assuring full pay for Mrs. Lipney.