

Philadelphia Case

Links to East in Police Slaying?

Police sought possible links today between the murderous attack on Ingleside Station Sunday night and similar assaults on officers in eastern cities.

Files are on the way here from Philadelphia and New York for comparison with the method of operations used in the shotgun killing of Sgt. John V. Young, according to Lt. Charles Ellis, head of the homicide squad.

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia case, in particular, struck a parallel to the attack here. It occurred exactly a year to the day before the slaying of Sgt. Young and the wounding of Mrs. Ellen Lipney, clerk in the station.

In Philadelphia, seven blacks, part of a group styling itself "The Revolutionary," entered the station. One or two, without saying a word, fired through a window inside the office and killed a sergeant.

Five of the assailants were subsequently rounded up, but two escaped. One, according to descriptions, was similar to the man first seen to open fire here — about six feet, 170 pounds, with a medium Afro-style hairdo.

New York

The New York case involved the 1968 slaying of two Harlem police officers. Ellis said he has been contacted by New York police who noted similarities, and that details are being forwarded.

Police believe, on the basis of expended shotgun shells found outside Ingleside Station, that as many as five men may have participated

in the attack here.

Witnesses have reported seeing two cars parked on a freeway ramp behind the station in Balboa Park about the time of the shooting, and near a hole that had been cut in a protective wire fence.

The vehicles were described as of early '60s vintage, one navy blue or black and the other tan.

Woman in Wig

Ellis said that one of the strongest leads continues to be the young white woman, a brunette who wore a blonde wig, who was in the station — possibly to "case" the setting — shortly before the attack.

She was ostensibly reporting a lost purse, and gave addresses both here and in Sacramento. Subsequent checks with those addresses re-

vealed that no one at either place knew of her.

A composite picture of the woman — "fairly attractive," about 23, five feet four inches tall, 120 pounds, wearing a micro-mini dress — is being prepared for general circulation.

Letter

Ellis was cautious in commenting on an ill-typed, poorly spelled letter which claimed responsibility for Sunday night's slaying in the name of the "George L. Jackson Assault Squad of the Black Liberation Army."

It said "revolutionary violence (sic) was committed against the Ingleside Pig Sty as one political consequence for the recent intolerable political assassination of Comrade George L. Jackson."

Jackson was the convict who allegedly produced a smuggled gun and launched the escape attempt at San Quentin 11 days ago in which he, two other convicts and three white guards were killed.

Local Branch?

The letter was photo-copied from the original which was on a piece of binder paper, and it also contained apparent references to a recent courtroom disturbance here at the Hall of Justice.

There have been reports of a "Black Revolutionary Army" in the East, and Ellis said police are investigating to determine whether they may be a local branch.

He's convinced, he said, that the recent surge of police killings, bombings and arsons throughout the country are a "revolutionary conspiracy."

"We've certainly been getting the brunt of it for the last few weeks," he added.

See SFExaminer, 17 Sep 71: 2 Held Here in N.Y. Cop Killing