

# 2 Held Here in N.Y. Cop Killing

By Ed Montgomery

Two suspects in the slaying of one New York policeman and wounding of another are in custody in San Francisco, police announced today.

Chief of Inspectors Charles Barca, however, denied the published report in New York that the arrested men are also suspects in the slaying of Sgt. John V. Young at Ingleside Station last month.

The suspects are Tony Bottom, 19, of 242 Divisadero St., and Harold Stevens, 29, of 2240 Bryant St. Stevens also has used the name of Robert Johnson.

Both were arrested in a shootout with police here in the Mission District last Aug. 29. One of the suspects was slightly wounded in the gunfire exchange but has fully recovered.

### In Custody

The incident occurred two days before the assassination of Sgt. Young while he was on routine desk duty at the Ingleside Station. Because Bottom and Stevens were in custody, they have been eliminated as suspects in the Young slaying, said Barca.

The chief of inspectors said he was at a loss to explain the report in the New York Daily News that the two were linked to the local police murder.

There is, Barca added, a definite link to the shooting of the two New York officers last July in the weapons found after a wild car chase resulting in the arrest of Bot-

tom and Stevens at 16th and Alabama Streets.

### Point Blank

The chase last month started at 16th and Valencia when Stevens and Bottom drew up alongside of a police patrol car driven by Sgt. George Kowalski at a stop sign.

Bottom pointed a .45 calibre sub-machine gun at Kowalski at point blank range and pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed.

Kowalski, who was alone, radioed for assistance and a chase ensued. Several shots were fired back and forth.

The sub-machine gun had been stolen from a military base. The two suspects also were armed with a .38 revolver which had been taken from the slain New York policeman, and a .45 automatic.

Witnesses to the New York shooting reportedly are being flown here in an effort to identify Bottom and Stevens in a police lineup.

### Secret Arraignment

Yesterday Bottom and Stevens were arraigned in near secrecy and amid elaborate security precautions on the charges stemming from the local shootout.

Instead of the usual second floor court of Municipal Judge Joseph G. Kennedy, the proceedings were shifted to the third floor Superior Court with a bullet proof shield installed for the trial of the so-called Soledad Brother convicts accused of slaying a prison guard.

The Hall of Justice corridors were filled with plainclothes officers during the

arraignment. Judge Kennedy continued the proceedings two weeks to allow the employment of defense counsel.

### Other Charges

Bottom and Stevens are charged with three counts of attempted murder of a police officer and illegal possession of weapons. Stevens also is charged with possession of a small quantity of marijuana found at the time of his arrest.

Stevens has been unable to post \$50,000 bail. Bottom is not eligible for bail because of a probation violation charge from Santa Clara County.

An obvious "leak" to the New York newspaper "increased the difficulties" of the continuing investigation by both New York detectives and the Homicide Bureau here, Barca said.