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Accused S.F. Cop Faces Big Suit

Patrolman Richard Lewis, under investigation in the shooting of a Hunters Point man a week ago, was named defendant today in a \$250,000 damage suit over another incident.

John Gregory Miller, 25, a Vietnam veteran, accused Lewis in a Superior Court action of beating him with a riot stick during the May 5 peace demonstrations in the financial district.

Ask Dismissal

Miller named Lewis, Sgt. Edward Epting and The City as defendants in the suit, and asked that Lewis and Epting be dismissed from the force on grounds of misconduct.

His attorney, Joe McCray, said Miller was handing out leaflets at the corner of Sansome and California streets,

two blocks from the scene of the demonstration, when he was beaten.

Miller, a craftsman, was cleared by a jury on charges of assaulting a policeman, but was convicted on a count of resisting arrest, his attorney reported. That case is now on appeal.

Second Case

Lewis is under investigation by the FBI and local police in the death of Clarence Johnson, 32, a burglary suspect, last Tuesday. Lewis said his gun went off accidentally when the suspect made a sudden motion, but some leaders of the black community insisted the shooting was deliberate.

Funeral services for Johnson were held this afternoon at the Double Rock Baptist Church, 1595 Shafter Ave.