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Carr Slain on A 'Contract,' DA Says

The death of James Edward Carr was the result of a murder-for-hire plot born in Los Angeles, a Santa Clara county prosecutor asserted yesterday.

Carr, 28, a protege of slain "Soledad brother" George Jackson, was cut down in a storm of bullets and buckshot in a quiet San Jose neighborhood April 6.

His alleged assassins — Lamarr Lloyd Mims, 21, and Richard Rodriguez, 22 — yesterday were brought, handcuffed, chained and under heavy guard, to a preliminary examination in San Jose Municipal Court where all spectators underwent a search.

In his opening remarks, Assistant District Attorney William Hoffman said:

"We have evidence that they apparently were hired to do the job and paid the basic sum of \$540 from Los Angeles." He did not elaborate.

Carr's widow, Betsey, 20, old girl, faced her husband's mother of a seven-month-alleged killers but testified she had never seen them before.

She fought back tears as she told the last moments of her husband's life.

"He always went out to warm up the car, then he would come back and kiss me and the baby good-by."

"I'll be back in a minute," he said as he went out the door, Mrs. Carr said. I heard six shots. I panicked. I ran outside and saw his feet hanging from the car and knew he was dead."

She added that she saw no one leave the scene.

The preliminary investigation resumes again today before Presiding Municipal Court Judge R. Donald Chapman.