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A Witness' Account Of the Shooting

A secretary to U.S. District Judge Spencer Williams yesterday gave a graphic eyewitness account to shooting on the steps of the Federal Building.

Herminia M. Garcia said she was returning from lunch at around 1 p.m. when "somebody (presumably FBI agent Tom Hopkins) opened the door for me and my girl friend.

"We got about ten feet inside the building when we heard two people arguing loudly. I turned around and saw them talking in a very aggressive manner. The young man approached the older man and struck at him, but I didn't see a knife.

"The young man stepped back a couple of steps and the older man took one step back and opened his coat and I saw him draw out his gun. I think the older man said 'I'm going to shoot'; he yelled something.

"They were about two feet apart. I thought, 'He can't shoot him in the back!' The young man went out the door and then I heard the shot. The young man fell face down on the pavement, facing the building.

"I saw the older fellow run out and he had one hand on him — the younger fellow — and he was holding him down, pointing the gun at him. Then two Marshals ran up, put handcuffs on him and took him off."



WATERGATE INVESTIGATOR CARL RIZER
'The next thing I knew I was on the ground'