—Cop's bullet

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Reports state at the time of the incident three officers — identified as Keith Smith, Tyrone Patterson and George League of the Southeastern district — were approaching and were about 35 feet from Fallin when he turned and faced them.

Officer League wrote: "I hollered 'Drop it! Police! I then drew my revolver when the subject did not respond.

"Once again I told him 'Drop the gun, police!'" He continued. "I was certain this (the gunman's) intentions were to shoot me and I felt I had a safe clear line of fire for a shot at him. I used my sights aiming at his chest and fired a single shot."

It missed.

Officer Smith did not mention warning shouts in his report but wrote: "I drew my revolver and not seeing anyone but the suspect in my line of fire, I fired one round."

It missed also.

Patterson wrote that he dropped back behind a tree nearby and did not fire his weapon.

A police inspection of the guns showed that only the revolvers of Smith and League had been fired.

According to police, the identity of the officer who shot the child, may never be known "because the bullet was so "mutilated" that ballistics tests are impractical.

But investigators were out in the courtyard shortly after dawn Wednesday attempting to reconstruct the incident.

Police officials said that the bullet apparently was a ricochet, bouncing off the pavement and a wall, going through a wooden picket fence before striking the Kess child.

The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at the Church Home and Hospital. The medical examiner said the bullet pierced the young child's heart and passed through her from left to right.

Funeral services for Cherise will be held 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at First Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2200 Park Ave. The family will receive friends at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Arlene Kess, the child's grandmother said, "I feel it was not necessary for all that shooting. The police did not use any tact. An innocent child was sitting on the steps eating a popsicle. The shooting was negligence on the part of the police."

"I am not happy at all and I think it should be investigated," she added.

Many neighbors contend that they had heard three shots and one neighbor even said she had seen an officer near a tree kneel and fire.

Patterson's report said he was behind a tree.

The neighbors claim the Kess child was sitting on the steps at 204 Ballou Court at the northern end of the project where the brawl and shootings took place. They added four other children were with her.

But police said Wednesday they believe the child was running on the side walk when she was shot.

They claim a neighbor scooped up the running child and noticed she was bleeding heavily from the chest and carried her onto the steps where she was found lying on her stomach.

The investigation is continuing.

(AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz)
ONE OF THE CITY'S FINEST—Minister Helen Russell of the Baltimore Street Church of God was one of 23 recipients of "Baltimore's Best" awards at Inner Harbor ceremonies held Aug. 1. Ms. Russell was cited "for establishing a mission to rehabilitate needy youth." Shown with her is Louis Rosenfeld, presentor of awards. For more "Baltimore's Best" winners, see page 6.

Longer hours for workers

The treasurer of American Telephone and Telegraph Co. said Wednesday the average factory worker in Baltimore today works only one-fifth as long to pay for telephone service as he did in 1940.

William G. Burns, a vice president of AT&T, attributed the savings to the Bell System's improved productivity, reduced expenses and aggressive marketing policies.

"The average factory worker in Baltimore used to have to work five hours and 46 minutes to pay the basic monthly telephone monthly telephone rate," Burns said. "Today it's down to one hour and 24 minutes."

Addressing the Security Analysts Society of Baltimore, Burns said an average retired couple in Baltimore today "spends about 1 percent of their social security check to pay for basic monthly telephone service. Back in 1940, that couple had to pay six times as much."

Burns said the Bell System has been using mini computers, which are "revolutionizing the way we plan and engineer facilities, maintain the network and manage the business."

He also said the company is using electronic switching systems, which require only one-third the maintenance of previous systems.

The company is investing record amounts of money to expand and modernize its telephone facilities, the AT&T treasurer said.

"This year we'll spend $13.4 billion," he said, which is $1.8 billion more than during 1977.

"Spending at these levels is tangible evidence of our faith in the future," he said.

Burns claimed that competition in the telephone business would ultimately lead to higher rates for the residential user, small business and rural customer.

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—5 homicides

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Police report she had been stabbed several times with a steak knife that was still in her back when they arrived. A butcher knife covered with blood was found behind a bed in her room.

The front door to Mrs. White's rowhouse was left open and her apartment had been ransacked. A man who rents a room in the same house where Mrs. White lived told the police a man knocked on his door asking for Ms. White.

The tenant is quoted as telling police, when he did not tell the man where Mrs. White lived, the unidentified man pulled a knife and demanded that he be told where Mrs. White was.

Around 5:43 a.m. Aug. 2, police received a call for a "questionable death" at 2109 Baker St. When they arrived, they were met at the door by James Bond Leggett, 53, who stated, "She is upstairs."

Police report Leggett took them to a second floor bedroom, where they found Miss Frances Boyd made in bed.

According to police, Miss Boyd had bruises on her right arm, thigh, hips and legs. A large bruise was also on her head.

Leggett told the officers that Miss Boyd had been fighting at her mother's house and her mother had asked Leggett to take her home.

Leggett told the police when he took Miss Boyd home, she started fighting and hitting the furniture with a broom.

"I tried to stop her, but she would not stop," police quote Leggett.

Police state Leggett says he took Miss Boyd in her bedroom and decided to put her in the bed. After the medical examiner took Miss Boyd to the City Morgue, additional large bruises were found over her entire body.

Police continued their investigation and later charged Leggett with homicide.

James Jones, 46, of the 1200 block Chapel St., has been charged with killing Ms. Fenwick following an argument.

Police state the shooting took place around 10:40 a.m. after an assailant told Ms. Fenwick if she repeated a statement she had made, "he would blow her head off."

When Ms. Fenwick repeated the statement, "Go back to your wife," the suspect allegedly shot her in the head, police report.

Homicide detectives say Jones, of the 2700 block West Fairmount Ave., was shot in the chest during an argument Aug. 2 on Fairmount Avenue.

The Bethlehem Steel employee was found lying on the sidewalk around 11:30 p.m. He reportedly died several hours later on the operating table at Bon Secours Hospital.

Michael Williams, 17, of the 2800 block Baltimore St., has been charged with killing Jones. He is being held at City Jail in lieu of $25,000 bail.

William J. Jukes, Jr., 32 year-old cab driver, of the 1600 block Chester St., had been playing with Larry Giles, 24, of the 2900 block Arunah Ave.

Relatives told the AFRO Jukes accidentally hit Giles in the face while they were "playing and joking" with each other and Giles became upset.

Police state Giles left in his car and returned with a gun and allegedly shot Jukes three times.

Dorsett won't play

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Running back Tony Dorsett suffered a knee injury in training drills Monday and was listed as questionable for Sunday's pre - season opener against the San Francisco 49ers.

Coach Tom Landry said Dorsett bruised his right knee during the morning knee injury did not session and missed the afternoon practice. Team doctors said the injury was similar to one Dorsett suffered last November just before a game with the Washington Redskins.

The doctors said Dorsett would be treated for the injury and may be ready to work out again later in the week. If the respond to treatment, however, they said he would not play Saturday in the game at Texas stadium.

Dorsett last year was the NFL's Rookie of the Year and was the first Dallas Cowboy rookie to gain 1,000 yards.

Another running back, Larry Brinson, also was injured during practice Monday, suffering a groin injury. He was listed as doubtful for Saturday's game.

-Provident

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Plater says, as a result of this incident, the hospital suspended him without pay. However, on April 24, 1978, the incident was settled before the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

As to what the incident was, neither hospital officials nor Plater's attorneys could be reached to explain.

In the three - count suit, Plater is claiming $2,000 for unjust suspension and $5,000 in attorney fees.

He is also demanding $100,000 damages for suffering "severe mental anguish, emotional distress and experiencing extreme humiliation in his community," for being suspended before he had the chance to be heard by a judicial body.

Plater is also claiming $800,000 in exemplary and punitive damages against the hospital for "maliciously and intentionally" refusing to pay him his retroactive salary despite numerous demands.

The suit contends that the hospital and its trustees purposely suspended Plater and refused to compensate him to cause him "unjust economic deprivation and mental anguish."

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Rinaldi hearing recessed

The fate of Robert Rinaldi, assistant school superintendent for special education, will not be decided until after Aug. 14.

The hearing on his dismissal was recessed Thursday after four days of testimony dealing with charges of insubordination, misconduct and willful neglect of duty.

Late Wednesday a Circuit Court judge denied a request for an injunction to halt the proceedings stating that he would not interfere with the hearing being conducted at this time.

Rinaldi had contended it was improper for the board to place the case before a hearing examiner rather than it being conducted by the full school board.

The four-day hearing was dominated by John L. Crew, superintendent of schools, who submitted his recommendation that Rinaldi be fired to the Board July 11.

Earlier in the week Crew said the releasing of a report on poor record keeping at Rock Glen Junior High School by Rinaldi constituted insubordination.

Under cross examination, however, Crew said he was not sure Rinaldi was responsible but added "in my view, it is most likely that he made the report available."

Crew added releasing the report was not standard operating procedure, pointing out that when the media wants data it is made available through the Office of Information.

During the Wednesday session Rinaldi's Lawyer Barry C. Steel and hearing examiner Marvin C. Wahl got into a heated exchange over Steel's charge that Wahl should disqualify himself because he is said to be a friend of Mark K. Joseph, board president.

Both Wahl and Joseph denied the charge.

"I am appalled that a member of the bar would make serious allegations, allegedly based on fact which do nothing but impugn the integrity of the president of the school board and the hearing examiner. These charges are obviously based on nearsay and rumor.

"The implication," Wahl continued, "is that I was in someway reached and could not give an impartial verdict. Rinaldi will receive a fair judgement."

The full school board will make the final judgement on the firing after receiving recommendations from Wahl.

Two inmates killed

Jail fire resulted from 'feud'

A June 13 fire at the Maryland Penitentiary that killed two inmates resulted from a "long - standing feud" between one of the victims and another prisoner, according to sources quoted by a daily newspaper.

City fire investigators, who initially labeled the cause of the fire as "careless smoking," have launched an investigation in conjunction with state police.

The newspaper quoted sources inside the institution who said the fire was started by an inmate who mixed flammable substances to devise a fire bomb to be used against another inmate.

The fire turned the cell housing the two dead inmates into what prison officials described as an "inferno."

Killed in the incident were James Fritchett, 28, who had served eight years of a 30 - year sentence for murder, and Larry Fore, 21, who was serving life for murder.

Sources said the bombing was directed against Fitchett. A person claiming knowledge of the incident said "the other guy Fore just happened to be there."

The same sources said the fire bomb was fashioned from an insecticide spray can cleaner from the penitentiary print shop, lighter fluid and liquid detergent.

State police investigators have admitted a small can containing "highly flammable liquid" was found near the burned - out cell.

Police would not identify the contents of the can or other materials sent to the state police laboratory for tests.

Sources said heat from the blaze expanded the steel of the cell's door lock and made it impossible to open.

The jammed lock prevented initial efforts by firefighters and prison officials to enter the area on the third tier of the west wing of the institution.

Study shows rise in violent crimes

NEW YORK — The juvenile justice system has been ineffective in stemming a steady rise of violent crimes committed by youths, a new crime study has reported. The arrest rate for such crimes tripled between 1960 and 1975.

The study, prepared for the Ford Foundation by New York's Vera Institute, a non - profit research organization, admits little is known as to why certain juveniles commit violent crimes. It called for more studies that will throw light on the causes of the violence.

A surprisingly high proportion of juveniles, perhaps one - third, have police records before they are 18, the report said. In 1975, police made 2.1 million arrests of youths between the ages of 7 to 18.

Paul A. Strasburg, a Vera staff member who prepared the study, said violent delinquents, covered by his study, "are most likely to be minority -group males living in lower - class or slum neighborhoods of large urban centers.

"Like most delinquents, they tend to come from broken homes and have poor relationships with parents. Most likely they are school failures and they may well have learning disabilities. Few of them are psychotic, but many have psychological difficulties."

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