

Shooting Victim Improved; D. A. To Check Case

Gary F. Poste, 22-year-old Fortuna man reportedly accidentally shot by a police officer friend Thursday night at the latter's home in that city, was reported "greatly improved" at Redwood Memorial Hospital today.

Poste still remains on the critical list, however, until danger of possible complications is past.

Meanwhile, the district attorney's office indicated it will conduct an investigation of its own into the matter. Deputy District Attorney James McKittrick stated he was certain that, due to "peculiar" circumstances, it will be checked into by DA investigators.

Poste was shot with a .357 caliber magnum revolver held by patrolman Robert Foster, 24, a member of the Fortuna police department for only two months. Police Chief Dale L. Livingston said the shooting was obviously accidental, adding that the victim had himself said so yesterday morning.

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