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## Why Was the KGO Killer Free?

By Carolyn Anscherer

Thursday's attempt to kill Lawrence Dunbar, Dumbertown's radio talk show host, and the subsequent slaying of a KGO senior account executive by the same slayer forced a attention yesterday on California's new method of treating the mentally ill.

Lawrence Kwong blew his brains out after his murderous attack on Dunbar and a 47-year-old man, A. M. Munson, at KGO's Golden Gate Avenue headquarters.

Up until 1969 when the Dumbertown Short Act became state law, Kwong most likely would have been a patient at Napa State Hospital, considered as a danger to himself and to others.

But with deactivation of the state hospitals as "warehouses" for the mentally ill,

new emphasis was given to treatment at the local level. So Kwong was sent away when his behavior became bizarre.

What Kwong's illness be-

came apparent is not known,

again because of the Lam-

terman-Petris-Short Act,

which forbids the cords of mental patients —

alive and dead — to be consid-

ered confidential documents.

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However, it is known that he was not committed be-

cause that word has all but

passed from the health lexicon.

A mentally ill person may be an involuntary patient for 72 hours, then for 10 days, then ex-

tended for seven days,

and then for an additional

20 days after that, there

must be a hearing for further hospitalization.

Otherwise, in-patient care

must be voluntary.

Kwong, 43, spent some-  
thing less than three months

as an in-patient at St. Mary's Hospital, which is of five facilities that provide such care. (The others are Pacific Medical Cen-

ter, 1701 Zions; Langley Porter Neurosciences Institute, San Francisco General Hospital, and the Westside Lodge.

It cannot be ascertained

how psychiatrists at St.

Mary's diagnosed Kwong's case, nor what procedures were practiced when he lived for a time in an apartment on California street and then at the residential of Westside Lodge Residential Rehabilitation Center at 100 Fulton street, the city's 10th Street between Grant and Clay houses for mental patients.

This is typical for patients who have been hospitalized and who still require

close supervision and greater staff-to-patient care than is available at the city's six half-way houses.

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how long he was a patient

when he was admitted to his

possession and why his per-

sistent phobia about KGO

and its former primary talk

show host, Dunbar, and Jim

Eason failed to yield to

any information about the city's

various public facilities for

mentally ill persons, however,

he did say that he had been hospitalized for 200 and 300 mentally ill when

receiving less intensive care

in the community facilities such as

the Westside Lodge.

"This is exclusive of the

state," he said.

He emphasized, however,

that it is rarely a mental

outpatient who receives

care and supervision that

turns murderous, as did

Kwong.

"Most of our murders are

committed by so-called

'sane' people," he said.

"We are disturbed and

proves the absolute neces-

sity for establishing more af-

ter-hospitalization facili-

ties."

He said it also suggests

that the state's mental hos-

pitals should not be closed

permanently, as some facil-

ties are made available.

"The fact of the matter re-

mains that mentally dis-

turbed persons who are under

treatment are less likely to

commit violent acts than

those who wander at large,

he said.

## Arraignment In Slaying Of Ranger

Two men charged with the death of a National Park Service ranger were ordered in U.S. District Court here yesterday to appear before a magistrate.

U.S. Magistrate Owen Woodruff ordered Alan W. Veale to appear before Judge Samuel Conti at 10:30 a.m. today.

Woodruff also issued an order that the defendant, suspect, Vernon L.C. Bowers Jr., 27, be brought from Berkeley to Judge Conti for arraignment.

Both Veale and Bowers were indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury for the killing of Ranger Kenneth C. Patrick at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Bowers and others are accused of breaking and entering, and of possession of stolen property in Berkeley. Veale is in federal custody charged with a similar offense.

Federal judges have ordered both Veale and Bowers held with bail on the murder charge.

## Gunman's Father Talks About What Went Wrong

By Duffy Jennings  
and Rose Pak

Gum Wah Kwong sat uneasily on the edge of his seat in a cluttered Chinatown restaurant last night, gazed at the room at all his worldly possessions and spoke candidly of his past.

"I am a sick and lonely old man," said the 76-year-old retired cook. "My young sons have abandoned me."

A few hours earlier, he had learned that his doctor once more sought some advice. Kwong, 25, had taken three shots at KGO radio personality Jim Dunbar, had killed a shop employee and then had shot himself to death.

The slayer was an advertising executive, Benjamin A. Munson, 47, director of KGO and a former employee of the station.

"I'm very mixed up," said Kwong. "I said that my son hurt somebody, I'm afraid of him."

The old man paused, bowed his head and displayed a surgical scar and a large square protrusion beneath his chest — the heart transplant that keeps him alive.

"I'm sick," he said, and couldn't eat.

He said he had three sons and a daughter. His daughter, he said, is a physician living in mainland China, with whom he corresponds regularly.

**LAWRENCE**  
He said Lawrence was born in China, the first in a series of seven marriages. The family moved to Hong Kong in 1949, when Lawrence was 2, then immigrated to the U.S. eight years ago.

He said Lawrence was a good student for two years, then became lazy. Lawrence consulted a pri-

ate doctor.

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Ironically, he had read the story in a Chinese language newspaper, he said. Lawrence's name was translated from the English, he was unable to identify it to the reporter.

Lawrence's mother, he said, remains in China. "She's little crazy. I think it's hereditary," he said.

At least six months ago,

Lawrence consulted a pri-

ate doctor.

**ANOTHER BIG SUIT**  
On Patrick Estate

The estate of cosmetics millionaire William Penn Patrick's hit again yesterday by yet another heavy lawsuit.

A group of 65 persons filed the \$20.3 million action in the Alameda County Superior court, claiming fraud and breach of contract.

The suit alleges that the 65 investors planned to become Holiday Magic cosmetics distributors on the

vate detective, John Immendorf, to spin an extraordinary tale. He told Immendorf that he had been kidnapped by two men who had received him in his study, and that he had been transported from San Francisco to a room in Dunbar and Jim Eason.

He said he was in "anonymity" and wanted Immendorf to sabotage KGO's transmitter.

The festival, which hon-

ored the arrival of the fall

equinox, was held in the

adjacent areas of the Nihon-

Japanese folk dancing,

singing, cooking and tea cer-

emony, performances will

also be featured. There

will be instruction in flower

arranging, kite flying and

Japanese calligraphy.

The festival will also fea-

ture a food bazaar, histori-

cal displays, and a variety

of other activities. It will

begin at 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

today and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow.

He said Lawrence moved out after the fight. He never contacted his father again.

Kwong said he had heard Lawrence had taken a job in a restaurant, but he did not know what he was doing.

He said Lawrence had

been a good worker,

but he was not paid for

what they brought into the company.

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February, his estate has been the target of several lawsuits, including one similar to that filed yesterday in which 35 investors are asking for \$17 million.

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