

Police Interview Wounded Man, 19, In Hospital Room

Investigators Will Question Others For Jealousy Motive

Vallejo police Sunday held their first interview with the survivor of a brutal shooting at Blue Rock Springs Park which claimed the life of a young waitress and mother early Saturday. The youth, 19-year-old Michael R. Mageau, of 864 Beechwood Ave., was lucid and doctors at Kaiser Foundation Hospital feel he will recover, according to Det. Sgt. Clarence Rust. The interrogation was brief, but Mageau at least was able to describe the killer's car, Rust said.

Record July 4th Toll Seen

By United Press International

The highway death toll for the long Fourth of July weekend soared over the 500 mark Sunday as holiday travelers headed home and National Safety Council experts predicted the figure would top 600, setting a new record.

The record for a three-day Fourth of July holiday was 577 traffic deaths in 1966. Over the four-day Independence Day weekend in 1967, a total of 732 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents, the highest figure on record for the holiday.

A United Press International count at 1 a.m. PDT showed at least 574 persons had been killed in traffic accidents since the count began at 6 p.m. local time Thursday. It continued through midnight.

The breakdown:

Traffic	574
Drownings	160
Planes	22
Miscellaneous	92 Saturday.
Total	848

California led the nation with 53 traffic deaths. Texas had 46, which entered his neck fractured his jaw.

Ohio listed 31, Michigan 28,

Georgia and New York 25 each,

and Pennsylvania 24.

States reporting no traffic deaths were Alaska, Delaware,

Maine, New Hampshire and

Rhode Island.

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Rust said Mageau believes the car was identical or similar to the one his companion, Mrs. Darlene Ferrin, was driving.

KILLED INSTANTLY

Mrs. Ferrin, 22, of 1300 Virginia St., married and the mother of an 18 month old daughter, was killed instantly by four slugs fired at close range.

Mageau told detectives all shots were fired in Mrs. Ferrin's car. He tumbled to the ground, however, and saw the slayer's car as it sped away.

The killer's car bore a California license, Mageau told Rust.

The interrogation of Mageau was cut short when he tired. It is expected to resume today.

INTENSIVE CARE

Mageau is in the Intensive Care Unit at Kaiser Foundation Hospital where his condition is described as "satisfactory." A doctor and nurses are in constant attendance in the unit.

Mageau was hit in four places and one bullet which did not

exit was removed from his leg

92 Saturday.

He also was hit in the right elbow and shoulder, and a slug

which entered his neck fractured his jaw.

Investigators plan to question all male acquaintances of Mrs. Ferrin since on the surface at least one possible motive for the shooting was jealousy.

Police have either not discovered, or decline to disclose, how Mrs. Ferrin and Mageau came to be parked in the lonely area near the Blue Rock Springs golf course at midnight.

WORKED SHIFT

She had worked a day shift at Terry's on Magazine Street at Highway 80 Friday and took part in Fourth of July festivities at the Mare Island Channel that night. She later met with her husband in a restaurant on Tennessee Street where he is a cook, and then left.

The dead girl and the wounded Mageau were found by three passing youths shortly after midnight.

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Donald and Richard; a sister, Ronda; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns of Ukih, and his maternal grandmother, Isabel Anderson of Laytonville.

The funeral service will be

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