

2 Policemen Held In Negroes' Deaths During Detroit Riot

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DETROIT, Aug. 7—Two Detroit policemen were charged today with the murder of two young Negroes during Detroit's riots two weeks ago.

The policemen, wearing civilian clothes, were arraigned this afternoon in a Detroit criminal court and ordered held without bail. Their lawyer said the policemen "weren't guilty of anything."

More charges in the case were promised by the Wayne County prosecutor's office, possibly Wednesday or Thursday.

Today's charges stem from the finding of the bodies of three Negroes on July 26 in a motel about a mile from the scene of major rioting. Policemen said then that the three had apparently died in an exchange of gunfire between policemen and snipers.

Residents at the motel said, however, that the three men had deliberately been

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killed by policemen who raided the motel in a search for snipers. Investigations revealed that the three had been killed by a shotgun at close range, probably from inside the motel and most likely in the rooms where their bodies were found.

But apparently the prosecutor's office does not have a suspect in the killing of the third Negro, Carl Cooper, 17. The prosecutor indicated that the charges he expects to bring later will not include another murder charge.

The arrested officers are Patrolman Ronald August, 28 years old, who was accused in a warrant of the murder of Aubrey Pollard, 19, and Patrolman Robert Paille, 32, who was charged with the murder of Fred Temple, 18.

The two white suspects will undergo an examination next Monday in Records Court, where they were arraigned today before Judge Donald Leonard. The prosecutor must then submit evidence of probable guilt, and Judge Leonard must decide to either release the men or bind them over for trial.

The prosecutor's office today also charged two Negroes, Danny Royster, 20, and Charles Latimer, 19, with the murder of a Detroit patrolman, Jerome Olshove, 32, married and the father of two.

Policemen said the two Negroes had been caught looting in a store, a scuffle had begun, and another policemen's

gun had discharged, killing Patrolman Olshove.

Policemen also formally reduced the death count in the Detroit riots to 41 from 43, deciding that two of the deaths had not been connected to the riots.

There are still signs of unrest here despite the formal end of riot controls and the withdrawal of national guardsmen.

Yesterday, for example, at a memorial service for the riot dead attended by Gov. George Romney and Detroit's Mayor, Jerome P. Cavanagh, a small group of hecklers attempted to drown out the pleas of Negro and white ministers for brotherhood.

Eggs were thrown last night at a car driven by whites on Linwood Avenue, a scene of heavy rioting two weeks ago.

The police and the prosecutor's office were saying little about the case, but residents of the Algiers Motel, the scene of the shooting, have said that early on July 26 policemen raided the hotel looking for snipers.

Apparently there were 15 in the raiding party, including private guards, national guardsmen, and state policemen, as well as Detroit policemen.

The residents said they had heard shots coming from the annex of the motel, where the three dead Negroes were staying and were later found. Other witnesses said that men had been taken off into rooms, and then shots had been heard.

One witness said that a Negro had been urged to pick up a knife that a policeman had thrown on the floor. A knife was found near the body of one of the Negroes.

Other residents, including two white girls, contended that they had been beaten by po-

licemen in the raiding party and a private guard was charged last week with assaulting residents of the motel.

William Cahalan [pronounced KUH-hay-len] the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, who recommended the warrants against the two policemen, said, "I expect that we will be making additional charges regarding incidents that occurred at the Algiers Hotel annex on that night."

Ray Girardin, Detroit's police commissioner, said, "This event shocks and saddens all of us in the department beyond comprehension." He noted that it was the Police Department's own investigation that had resulted in the request for warrants against the two officers.

"This department will assist in the prosecution," he said. The case also is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

One high-ranking police officer said that "at least what ever comes out, it's our own case. It's nothing that was fluffed aside."

Prosecutor Cahalan said that 80 witnesses had been interrogated in the investigation, but he would give no details.

Neither Mr. August, a slight man who wore gray slacks and a blue and white checked short-sleeved shirt at the arraignment, nor Mr. Paille, unshaven and wearing slacks and white shirt with red stripes, said anything as he stood before Judge Leonard today.

Judge Leonard read the charge and then turned down a request for bail bond.

Norman Lippitt, the attorney for the two patrolmen, entered a plea of not guilty for the men and later said he was "shocked and amazed" by the murder charge. He said that both suspects had been cooperating in the investigation.