

Police charge man with capital murder after shooting spree

GARLAND (AP) — A man charged Thursday in the shooting death of a suburban police officer is also suspected of fatally shooting three others and critically wounding a 4-year-old girl.

Garland police charged Daniel Joe Hittle with capital murder and three charges of attempted capital murder after a shooting spree ended in a gunfight on a suburban street late Wednesday night.

Officer Gerald Ray Walker was killed before the shootout after stopping Hittle for a traffic violation. Walker, 48, became the first police officer to die in the line of duty in this suburb east of Dallas.

Hittle was being held in the Garland City Jail without bond on the capital murder charge and on \$250,000 bond for each of the attempted capital murder charges, police spokesman Allan Peck said.

Hittle was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder in Minnesota in 1973. He was paroled in 1984. Dallas police said he had no criminal record in Texas.

In Dallas, police planned to charge Hittle in the four shootings earlier Wednesday at his east Dallas apartment. Three people were killed and a child was critically injured.

"We're going to file capital murder and attempted murder charges against him later in the day," said Lt. Ron Waldrop, a Dallas homicide detective.

He said forensic tests would later determine whether the same weapon was used in the Garland in-

cidents and the slayings at Hittle's apartment.

The bodies of Mary Alice Goss, 39, and Richard Joseph Cook Jr., 36, who lived in the house, and Raymond Scott Gregg, 19, were found by a woman who left the apartment during an argument and returned. The woman also found Goss' 4-year-old daughter, Christy Condon, shot in the face.

The girl was in critical condition Thursday at Baylor Medical Center, a hospital spokesman said.

Shortly after Walker apparently made the traffic stop, an off-duty firefighter found the officer face down in the street with a shotgun wound to the chest, Peck said.

A shotgun was recovered from Hittle's vehicle, police said.

Walker was pronounced dead about midnight at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Walker, a 17-year-veteran, was married and had one son.

"He was a good, hard worker," Garland police Lt. John Williams told the *Dallas Times Herald*. "The reason he worked nights was because he liked to get out there with them. He had enough seniority that he could have worked days, but he didn't choose to do so."

He joined the Garland Police 17 years ago, winning four departmental commendations and seven from citizens.

Police spotted Hittle's vehicle after Walker was shot and gave chase until it crashed. The driver started shooting at the officers, police said.

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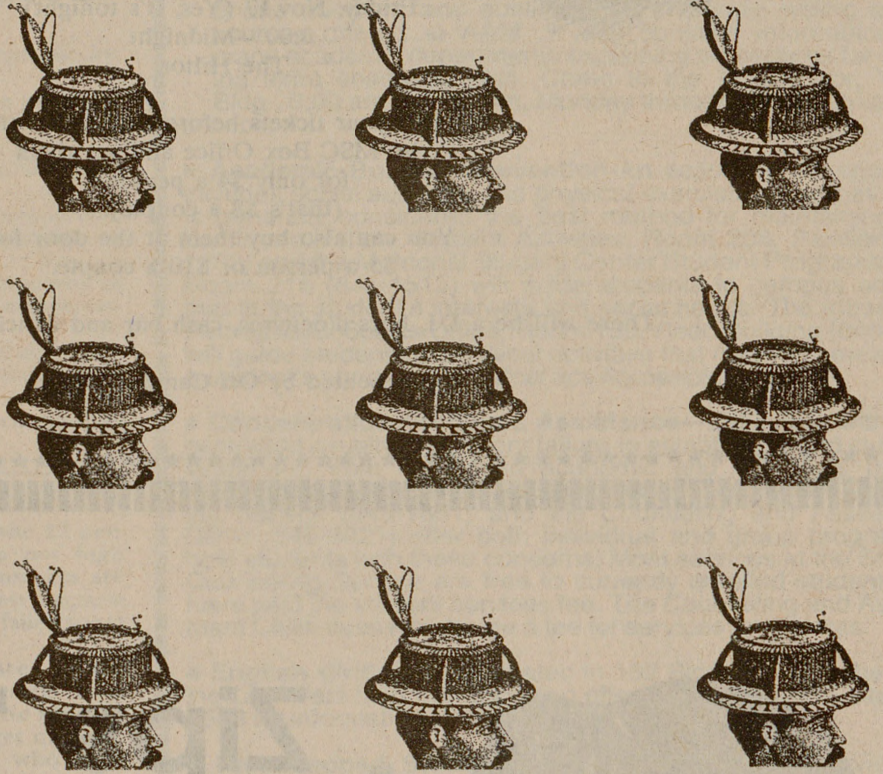
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What's Up

Friday

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES DINNER CLUB: will have a pre-formal dinner club at 6:45 p.m. at Red Lobster. For more information call Keith Powell at 764-0912 or Larry Lopez at 696-2586.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: will have a Winter semi-formal at 8 p.m. in the Hilton ballroom. For more information call Melissa Miller at 693-8776.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: will have a free babysitting service from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in 212 MSC.

RETAILING SOCIETY: will tour Blue Bell Creamery in Brenham from 1 to 4 p.m. Meet on east side of Blocker near faculty parking lot. For more information call Marlene Bowen at 846-3134.

KANM: will have a benefit concert featuring Spittel Fist, Earth Army and Lesson Seven from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sneakers. For more information call KANM at 845-5932.

GRUPO LATINO: will have a Latin American retreat at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: will have a supper club at 6 p.m. at Garfield's. Call Nancy at 845-1741.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will have a Friday Night Alive meeting at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

A&M CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will have its monthly rally at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

A&M HILLEL: will have a Shabbat service at 8 p.m. at Hillel Jewish Center.

COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

MAIL OUT: come for pizza and Coke and help with student mail-outs at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

INDIA ASSOCIATION: will have a party at 9 p.m. at Tahoe Apartments clubhouse. \$1 for members and \$3 for non-members. For more information call Suma at 846-4943.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: will have a mock LSAT from 8 a.m. until noon in 130 Blocker. For more information call Everett Morgan at 696-4205.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a Friday prayer at 1:10 p.m. For more information call Omar at 846-3909.

Saturday

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: KAMU 90.9 FM will broadcast music from Zaire at 9 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB: will hold an informal mass at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB/PSI CHI: will have a holiday get-together from 2 to 4 p.m. in Central Park. For more information call Kim Hunt at 696-1994.

TAMU VOICES OF PRAISE: will have its 8th annual Gospelfest at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. For ticket info call Rudder Box Office at 845-1234.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: will take yearbook picture at 10 a.m. on the Aerobic Track. For more information call Tony Rodriguez at 847-2270.

SNOWSKI CLUB: will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at Mt. Aggie.

AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a picnic at 3 p.m. at Hensel Park area 2. Call Christine at 846-8819 for more information.

Sunday

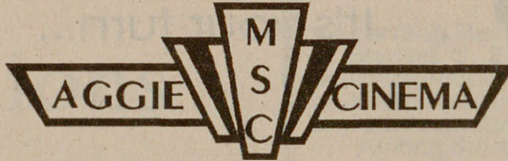
CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will show two Chinese movies with English subtitles from 1 to 5 p.m. in 201 MSC. Call Hsu at 845-0389 for more information.

A&M HILLEL: will have a snack & study at 7:30 p.m. at Hillel Jewish Student Center.

ET ALIA DANCE SOCIETY: will have a membership meeting and dance rehearsal at 7 p.m. in 226 G. Rollie White. Call Cheryl at 823-2361 for more information.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: will have a Thanksgiving gathering (covered dish dinner) at 3 p.m. at Slycker Pecena's home. Call Slycker at 696-9130 for more information.

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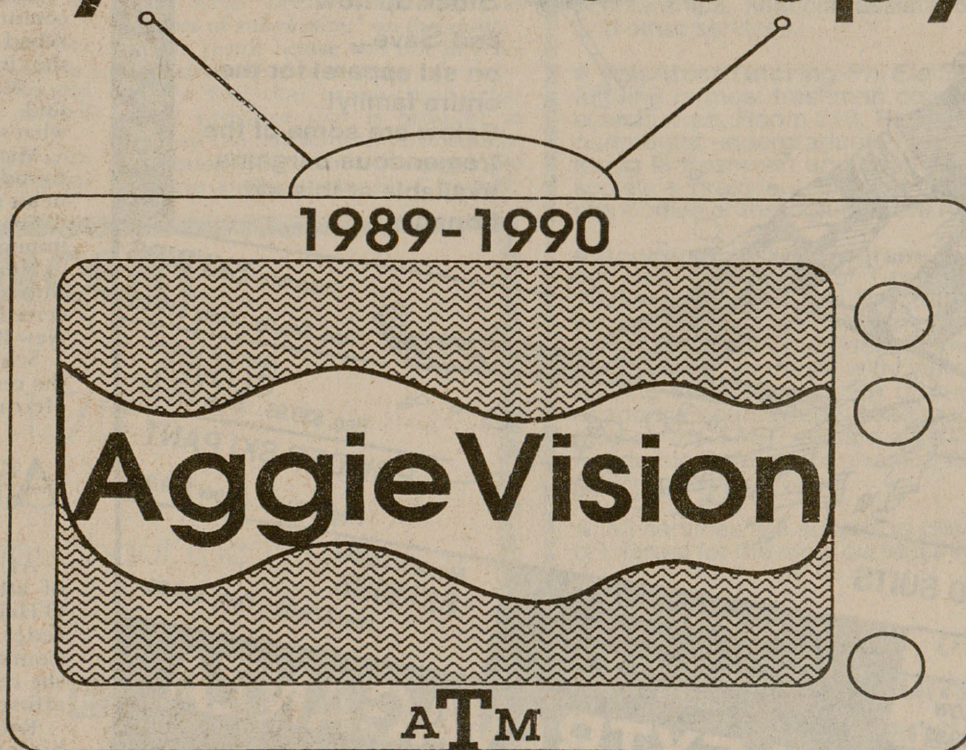
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