

Single Gun Was Used In Slayings

Small Caliber Bullet Pierced Roof Of Auto

Only one gun was used in the double slaying Friday night on Lake Herman Rd. of Vallejo teenagers David L. Faraday and Betty Lou Jensen, and in shooting up their car, it was learned positively Monday by Sheriff's Sgt. Leslie B. Lundblad. The investigator said

that what appeared to be a .38 caliber bullet hole in the roof of the Faraday station wagon actually was made by a small caliber bullet, of the same size as those that killed the two youngsters.

Moreover, he added, it would not have been necessary for the killer, if he were of at least average height, to climb on the bumper of the car to shoot through the roof.

FRIGHTENED OUT

The sheriff sergeant's theory is that bullets were fired into the car, the doors of which were locked, in order to frighten the two young occupants to leave it. The Faraday boy, he thinks, was killed as he emerged through the right door, and the girl was slain as she attempted to flee their assailant.

"We had the car stripped," Lundblad said, "and the slug that was fired through the roof was found embedded in the upholstery. With it, we can account for eight of the 10 bullets fired."

He said an automatic weapon, probably a rifle, was used in the gruesome murders. But he is no nearer than he was Saturday to knowing who fired the fatal shots.

PINNED DOWN

"We can pin down the time of the killings to within a space of two minutes, assuming all witnesses' watches were accurate," he said. "And we know they occurred after 11 p.m."

The bodies of the two teenagers were found at 11:24 p.m. by Mrs. Manuel Borges, who

See SLAYING Page 2

SLAYINGS

From PAGE ONE

relayed her discovery to the Benicia police department.

While Lundblad conceded he did not yet have a "solid suspect" in the case, he declared that investigation to date "has helped us to learn who didn't do it," meaning he had been able to eliminate many persons previously considered possible suspects.

A funeral service for the Faraday youth, a senior at Vallejo High School, was held at 2 p.m. Monday in First Presbyterian Church, with an honor guard of 60 of his fellow Scouts and Explorers on hand.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. James O. Hullip, associate pastor, and inurnment followed in Tulocay Cemetery, Napa.

Active pallbearers were Douglas R. Dick, Douglas Benson, Thomas V. O'Donnell, David Budd, Harold Pierce and Bernie Johnson.

Vallejo Times-Herald,
12/24/68