

# A Riot Slaying Is Called Murder

A white man was charged Monday with first-degree murder in the slaying of a Negro he accused of looting during the Detroit riot.

It was the first murder charge brought as a result of the rioting, in which 40 persons were killed.

Richard Paul Shugar, 24, of 8737 Van Dyke, was charged with the shotgun slaying of Nathaniel Edmonds, 23, of 3740 Hudson, who was the 14th person to die in the riot.

**EDMONDS DIED** at 5:35 p.m. Monday, July 24, in Detroit General Hospital. He was taken there by police from the rear of 6478 Baldwin. The initial police report said he was suspected of being a looter and was shot by a store owner.

Homicide Bureau Detective Donald Carter said three witnesses — two Negroes and a white man — claimed to have watched Shugar shoot Edmonds.

The witnesses said Edmonds and two other Negroes were in the backyard of 6478 Baldwin about 5 p.m. July 24 when a car containing two white men pulled into an alley.

They said one of the men, later identified as Shugar, took a shotgun from the car, approached the Negroes and accused them of breaking into the Van Dyke Sewing Center at 7714 Harper.

"Why did you break into my store," Shugar was quoted as asking Edmonds.

The witnesses said Edmonds denied breaking into the store. They said there was an argument for several minutes. As Edmonds started to enter the rear door of the house on Baldwin, they said, Shugar fired.

The shotgun blast hit Edmonds in the stomach. Shugar and the other white man got in their car and drove off, the witnesses said.

plied a license number for the car, Carter said, leading to the arrest of Shugar.

The first-degree murder warrant was signed Monday by Recorder's Court Judge Gerald W. Groat.

**Carter said his investigation showed that Shugar had no connection with the store at 7714 Harper.**

Shugar stood mute when arraigned late Monday before Groat, who remanded him to the Wayne County Jail without bond to await examination Aug. 29.

## Riot Police Of Fire-1

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Detroit police are investigating a report that one of their own men and a State Police trooper fire-bombed two stores Friday in the 8900 block of Twelfth St.

Inspector James D. Bannon, commander of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, was assigned to the case by Police Commissioner Ray Girardin after an angry witness went to Mayor Cavanagh's office to complain.

**BANNON SAID** Monday night that he will report to Girardin after the investigation.

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