PRISONER ADMITS KILLING DETECTIVE

8 Others Also Are Arrested in Shooting of Wallander's Friend in the Bronx

An idle remark by a burglary suspect set the police on the trail of the slayers of Detective James Burke, shot in a hold-up of a Bronx liquor store Dec. 13, District Attorney Samuel J. Foley said yesterday.

As a result, George C. Moore, 34 years old, of 617 West 134th Street, and Raymond Haughton, 24, of 741 Jennings Street, the Bronx, were held without bail by Magistrate Samuel Orr in Bronx Felony Court, for a hearing Feb. 17. Six men and a woman, all acquaintances of the suspected killers, were held as material witnesses in bail of $50,000 each.

Moore had been in the Tombs since Wednesday awaiting a hearing on a charge of criminally receiving stolen property. When detectives learned of his possible connection with the hold-up murder he was questioned there and then taken to Mr. Foley's office where Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, a personal friend of the slain detective, joined the investigators.

After talking to Moore until just before dawn yesterday, the suspect "made a complete statement and said he was anxious to get it off his conscience," Mr. Foley announced. He admitted, the prosecutor said, that he had fired seven bullets into the head of Detective Burke, member of the Police Honor Legion, when the latter, planted in Ray's Wine and Liquor Store, 1439 Webster Avenue, balked the hold-up. He implicated Haughton as his accomplice. Both prisoners are ex-convicts.

Moore was shot in the left arm in the hold-up. A few days ago, Harold Dupree, 24, of 624 West 134th Street, awaiting disposition of a burglary charge, mentioned that a friend had been shot in a dice game and detectives following up on that flushed Moore.

They learned that after the shooting he had gone for help to the home of Lee Petram, 19, of 259 West 132d Street, and the latter took the wounded fugitive to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown at 108 West 134th Street. A friend, Adolph Clark, 24, of 241 West 135th Street, who had learned first aid in the merchant marine, treated the escaped robber.

In addition to Dupree and the four who helped Moore, the police also held as material witnesses, Otis Banks, 31, of 121 West 134th Street, and Frank Askren, 37, of 2204 Seventh Avenue. Banks, they said, owned the .45 caliber pistol used by Moore in the hold-up and later sold it to Askren.

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