

Case No. 17—October 20, 1966—1 victim

The killing took place in Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan, and the victim was a police constable. Accused left home at the request of wife about September 30, and returned home on October 20, 1966. The wife ran to a nearby home and called the town constable. The victim arrived and went to the door, saw accused armed with a rifle and started backing away from the door. Accused shot but missed. Victim ran across the street with accused in pursuit. Victim was then shot 3 times. Accused was 28 years of age. Accused was found not guilty by reason of insanity. He was committed to the Saskatchewan Hospital at Weyburn, then to Saskatchewan Penitentiary, Prince Albert, at the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor.

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GUARDS MURDERED IN FEDERAL PENITENTIARIES,
JANUARY 1, 1945 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1967.

1. John Kennedy was shot and killed at Kingston Penitentiary, Ontario on April 26, 1948 by an inmate who was serving 10 years for armed robbery. The inmate was convicted of murder and was executed on January 24, 1949.
2. William Clement Wentworth was stabbed to death in a dormitory at Kingston Penitentiary, Ontario on November 24, 1961. The murderer was never discovered.
3. James Eugene Tellier was shot and killed at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, P.Q. on May 2, 1963. He had been forced into a cell by two inmates who were threatening and stabbing him. When the guards fired into the cell, Tellier was hit. Of the inmates who were detaining Tellier, one was serving 10 years for armed robbery and the other was serving 4 years for robbery. The former was killed at the same time as Tellier and the latter was sentenced to an additional 7 years for his part in the incident.
4. Edwin James Masterton was stabbed to death at Dorchester Penitentiary, N.B. on September 23, 1964 and an inmate, eighteen years of age, who was serving concurrent sentences of 10 to 12 years respectively for robbery with violence was charged with and convicted of capital murder. The Supreme Court of Canada quashed the conviction and ordered a new trial. He was convicted again and his sentence of death was commuted to life imprisonment.

SOURCE: Federal Penitentiary Service.