

FBI Kills 1 In Bizarre Holdup

NEW YORK (AP) — FBI agents shot and killed one bank robber and captured his homosexual accomplice today at Kennedy Airport, where the gunmen had hoped to escape by jet with \$29,000 and hostages taken in a bizarre all-night holdup.

Seven bank employees, who had been held hostage more than 14 hours while crowds of police and curiosity seekers surrounded the bank, were unharmed. Two other hostages had been freed at the bank.

The gunmen, one a self-described homosexual who demanded the release of his male "wife" from a mental ward, held up a Brooklyn branch of Chase Manhattan Bank just before the 3 p.m. closing time Tuesday. When police drove up as the robbers started to leave, they took the employees hostage and the all-night siege began.

In the hours that followed, a crowd which gathered to cheer and jeer, saw one of the bandits show himself a number of times to talk to police, once shaking hands with two of them.

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They also witnessed a "lover's quarrel" when the "wife" refused to join the robber inside and saw authorities deliver pizza and soda pop when the gunmen got hungry.

One hostage, bank guard Calvin Jones, was released after three hours when he pleaded that his mother was ill.

A woman hostage was freed just before the robbers and the other seven hostages left for the airport in a limousine driven by an FBI agent at about 3:45 a.m.

The gunmen had agreed to release another hostage at the airport, and free the remaining six upon arrival at their unnamed destination, according to John F. Malone, special agent in charge of the FBI's New York office.

Malone said one of the gunmen, tentatively identified as Salvatore Naturelle, held a shotgun at the driver's head on the way to the airport.

The second gunman, who sat three seats back, had identified himself in telephoned interviews from the bank as John Wojtowicz, a homosexual.

As the limousine stopped near a Hansa jet, which the FBI had ordered brought to a remote runway at Ken-

nedy, Malone's assistant, Richard Baker, walked to the car and started talking to Wojtowicz.

A woman hostage was released, as the gunmen had promised, and Wojtowicz was ordering the remaining hostages to get out and walk to the plane.

At that point, on a prearranged signal from Baker, the agent-driver, who was not identified, shoved Naturelle's shotgun toward the ceiling and fired one shot from his revolver into the gunman's chest.

Baker pushed Wojtowicz' rifle aside and he immediately surrendered, Malone said.

Naturelle was dead on arrival at Jamaica Hospital.

\$250,000 Bail

Wojtowicz, 27, who lives in Greenwich Village, was arraigned in Brooklyn federal court on charges of bank robbery and abduction. U.S. Magistrate Max Schiffman set bail at \$250,000.

A court-appointed lawyer said Wojtowicz had been under psychiatric treatment and had worked as a teller in New York banks for eight years after he dropped out of college.

Malone said the gunmen knew their driver was an FBI agent, and had, in fact, inexpertly frisked him for a weapon.

The pilot of the Hansa jet, a 12-seater with a 1,300-mile range, had been instructed to taxi toward the limousine with headlights on to divert the robbers' attention.

Edward J. Chandler, president of the Hansa Jet Corp., said the FBI never intended to let the robbers take off. Chandler said he was an FBI agent 18 years ago and worked with Malone.

The jet was piloted by Arthur Stockmann of Greenwich, Conn., with Pertti A. Muttillainen of Hamden, Conn., as copilot.

Malone said nobody knew where the robbers intended to go. "They never gave any indication," he said.

Malone said the \$29,000 was found in the limousine along with the shotgun, rifle and a snub-nosed pistol.

The seven hostages were identified as Robert Barrett, 43, the bank manager, and Joan Saunders, Santa Strazella, Maureen Andrews, Dolores Geotteshien, Cathy Amore, and Shirley Ball, all of Brooklyn.