

Warden, 7 Others Slain In Baja Prison Shootout

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TIJUANA, Mexico — Eight persons, including a new warden who had been cracking down on millionaire narcotics dealers operating inside prison walls, were killed here Friday in a shoot-out in the Baja California state penitentiary at La Mesa.

An estimated 18 persons — some of them among the prison's most powerful inmates — were seized for interrogation after officials conducted a laborious six-hour shakedown of the prison yard.

Among the dead were the reformist warden, Salvador Gonzalez Gutierrez; his assistant, Jose de Jesus Dominguez Cobos, three guards and three prisoners. One of the latter, officials believed, was the one who shot the warden.

Two other prison guards were reported wounded, although officials warned that others could be added to the list as the investigation continued.

Hundreds of police and Mexican army soldiers rushed to the prison after the violence broke out.

Officials said the shoot-out appeared to be an assassination attempt against Gonzalez Gutierrez, an up-right former district attorney who became warden about two months ago and was attempting to reform the corruption-riddled, teeming prison.

One report was that prisoners

demanded a meeting with Gonzalez Gutierrez and that as he and Dominguez Cobos approached about 10:30 a.m., shots were fired.

San Diego police, who recently gave special weapons and tactical training to Mexican officers, loaned flak jackets and tear gas equipment to their former students to confront the rioting prisoners.

Late in the violent day, officials asked the press to cooperate by not speculating on who may have been responsible for the reported ambush

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Gonzalez Gutierrez in front of prison before shooting.

East Area Rapist's 35th Attack In Modesto

MODESTO — A young Modesto couple who told police they locked all the doors and windows of their home before going to bed have become the victims of the East Area rapist's 35th attack.

The rapist, who now has victimized 31 women and girls in Sacramento County, two in Stockton and two in Modesto, awakened the couple at 1:30 a.m. Friday, Modesto police said.

As in past attacks the man wore a mask and shined a flashlight in the couple's eyes. Police said the man was armed with a knife and revolver. The rapist gained entry to the home

in a newly constructed area in north-east Modesto through an aluminum sliding glass window which opens into the kitchen. The window had not been forced open and police said the couple are positive they had locked it before retiring.

The rapist spent about 45 minutes ransacking the home, after he ordered the woman to tie up her husband with shoelaces and then tied her in the same fashion.

When he finished going through the house the rapist returned to the bedroom and took the woman into another room where he raped her. The rap-

ist was in the house about an hour and a half and left immediately after raping the woman, police said.

As in previous attacks, the rapist took articles from the home. The couple told police the rapist took their wedding bands and a revolver that he found in the house.

The couple untied themselves and called police after the rapist left. The previous attack by the East

Area rapist occurred June 5 in Modesto when he struck only a mile from Friday's location, raping a 27-year-old married woman and taking \$1,200.

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