

Sniper Said At Scene Of Murders

Two days before Robert Domingos and Linda Edwards were murdered, a sniper fired upon a group of Santa Barbara teenagers in the same area that the murders took place.

Two shots were fired.

None of the teenagers were hit. Several said that the bullets came so close that they could hear the whirr.

Sheriff James Webster, who investigated, told the Record this morning that none of the teenagers saw the sniper.

The sniper fired upon the teenagers as they stood around two cars parked in a secluded spot near Gaviota State Park. The shooting incident occurred about mid-afternoon, June 2. The teenagers had been surfing.

Sheriff Webster today was investigating another reported shooting incident in the same area.

Three other Santa Barbara teenagers, who were camping at Tajiguas, located east of the murder scene, said they awoke at daybreak to the sound of shots from the beach.

Teenagers in both instances identified the shots as coming from a .22 gun. It was a .22 gun that was used in the murders of Domingos and Miss Edwards on June 4.

Fired upon by the sniper were four girls, Leslie and Kerry Carlson, Kathy Crouch and Janice Dewhurst; and seven boys, Bill Ledbetter, Jamie Somers, Don Moraga, Bobby Duncan, George Bed-

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well, Randy Lupton and Mike Hankins.

The campers were George Bisol, Ed DeWitt and Eric Anderhold.

Sheriff Webster also said this morning that a Santa Barbara store sold during April .22 ammunition from the same lot number as that used in the slaying of Domingos and Miss Edwards. This is the second place in the county that has been found to have sold ammunition from the lot number. The other place was the Base Exchange at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The sheriff said the investigation is continuing at the air base.

An attempt is being made at the Santa Barbara store and at the air base to trace the persons who bought the ammunition.

Two leads on the "Sandy" wanted in connection with the June 3 slaying near here of Vern Smith did not prove out, the sheriff said. He had sent detectives to query youths answering "Sandy's" description in Hollywood.