Deputy coroner Souza identified them as John Swindle and Joyce Swindle of 50-07 Voltaire. Police said it appeared the woman was fatally shot in the head. The man was taken to Doctor's hospital where he died shortly thereafter. Swindle also had two gashes from a severe head wound. Investigators believe the bodies were not disturbed at the scene, and visible in one arm and leg.

No weapon has been found—discounting earlier reports of a possible murder-suicide.
MURDER

46 secs

(1. pan scene, 13 secs)

It appeared to investigators that the murderer first fired and struck his victims from this site atop a cliff about 50-feet away. Then he moved down the steep bank to the spot where his victims had fallen.

(2. where shots were fired, 3 secs)

At close range, the assailant apparently fired round after round into their bodies. Empty shell casings were found on the cliff as well as next to the victims.

(3. shellson ground, 6 secs)

(4. shells in back of car, 6 secs)

The murder scene is 9 blocks from the apartment where the young couple lived for only a week. 18 detectives went to the Ocean Beach area late in search of clues. This was one of many guns for ballistic tests.

(5. gun, 6 secs)

One police official called on the public to help in locating the killer and his weapon. Navy divers probed the ocean waters near the death scene on the chance the sniper may have thrown the weapon into the sea. Lieutenant William Schenck said the couple may have killed by someone they never knew—someone whose only motive was excitement.
Navy divers probed the ocean waters near the death scene on the chance the sniper may have thrown the weapon into the sea. The same theory discussed ten days after the murders, relationship between the Lompoc killings, and a similar murder of a Santa Maria High School student near Lompoc last June, and last June's double killing. The killer in the Lompoc murders has not been identified.
(1. cops lasnite, 6 secs)

Their bodies were found at 8:35 last night near the ocean on the patio of the Silver Spray apartments at

(2. victim, 4 1/2 secs)

51-16 Narragansett. Mrs Swindle was dead at the scene but her

(3. cop, 3 1/2 secs)

husband who lay at her side was still alive. He was rushed

(4. victim 2 1/2 secs)

to the hospital but died at 10:50 without being

(5. cop and victim, 6 1/2 secs)

able to tell what happened. They were discovered by 35-year-old


(6. nelson, 5 1/2 secs)

said he saw a lump in the darkness and investigated with his

flashlight… at first he

(7. cop and victim, 10 secs)

thought they were drunk and then he saw the big pool of blood.

The murder scene is nine blocks from the couple's home. Today,

their rented apartment

(8. house, 7 secs)

was closed and sealed by the coroner's office while homicide
detectives fanned out through the neighborhood seeking clues

(9. cu front door, tilt to paper, 10 secs)

to the apparently senseless slaying. Mrs Marci Shields of

50-14 Santa Monica, a Channel 8 employee, heard the fatal shots.

Mrs Shields, along with several others,  (more)
will be interviewed in a few minutes by Harold Keen. Homicide

Lt. William Schenck and his men made a startling discovery today. The murderer apparently first fired and hit his victims at this site from atop a cliff about fifty feet away. Then he descended from this spot to where his victims lay and fired again and again into their bodies. Empty shell casings were found on the cliff as well as next to the bodies.

Lt. Schenck said they may have been killed by someone they didn't even know...possibly a thrill killing.

The weapon has not been found and detectives confiscated all .22 caliber guns in the neighborhood for ballistic tests.

Officers concentrated their search for the gun. Nine divers from Underwater Demolition Team 12 at the Navy Amphibious base probed the ocean waters on the chance the sniper flung the murder weapon into the sea.

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SNIPER MURDER
1:46 Sees.

(1. Cops.installite, 6 Sees.)
The most senseless killing in years was discovered near the Ocean on

Wednesday night

the patio of the Silver Spray apartments at

(2. Victim, 4½ Sees.)

Navy

51-16 Narragansett. A thrill sniper had killed a young married couple.

(3. Cop, 3½ Sees.)
Dead at the Scene was 19-year old Mrs Joyce Swindle, her husband

(4. Victim 2½ Sees.)
Johnny, also 19, was still alive at her side but died without being

(5. Cop and Victim, 6½ Sees.)
able to tell what happened. They were discovered by 35-year old

Edward T. Nelson of 36-52 Wawona Drive. Nelson said

(6. Nelson, 5½ Sees.)
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at first he

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are still without a
More sniper murder
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(10 LT Schenck, 4 Secs.)
motive to the double slaying. Thursday Homicide Lieutenant William

(11. Pan Scene, 13 Secs.)
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apparently first fired at his victims while standing
atop a cliff about 50 feet away. Then he descended

(12. Shots fired, 3 Secs.)
from this spot to where his victims lay

(13. Shells on ground, 6 Secs.)
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(14. Shells in back, 6 Secs.)
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they didn't even know...possibly a thrill killing.

(15. Gun, 6 Secs.)
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caliber guns in the neighborhood, including this one for ballistic tests.

(16. Skin dvrs., 12 Secs.)
Coast Guard

Officers Friday rode in a helicopter to search rooftops in an
effort to find the weapon. Earlier in the week Navy divers probed
the ocean waters on the chance the sniper threw the murder weapon
into the sea.
Sniper Murder Search (datt-20764)

35 secs

(1. 1s down narrag st, 5 secs)
In Ocean Beach, detectives today continued their questioning of residents, seeking any sort of

(2. scene of crime, 3 1/2 secs)
information that might lead them to the capture of the mysterious

(3. young couple, 3 1/2 secs)
sniper who brutally shot and killed Johnny Ray Swindle

(4. several cars, 3 secs)
and his bride of three weeks, Joyce Ann Swindle. A Coast Guard

(5. group detectives, 5 secs)
helicopter with detectives aboard flew low over houses and they scanned rooftops

(6. crossing street, 3 1/2 secs)
through binoculars in the chance the sniper had flung the weapon

(7. walking, 6 1/2 secs)
on to a roof. About 35 weapons collected in a house-to-house
search are being given ballistic tests. Police

(8. motel and murder area, 4 1/2 secs)
Chief Wes Sharp says, "everything points to a psychopathic killer. We need all the help we can get from the public."

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Sniper Search (batt-21364)

30 secs

1. (cop on cliff, 6 secs)

A week has passed since the mysterious shooting of John Swindle and his wife at Ocean Beach, and still no

(2. cops on hillside, 4 secs)

important clue to the identity of the killer. The police

(3. cop checks in cave, 5 secs)

department is relentlessly continuing its search and

five off-duty policemen,

(4. dig thru sand, 4 secs)

wearing civilian clothing, spent the afternoon probing into caves,

(5. sand, 5 secs)

and sifting the sand looking for more expended shell casings. If the sniper lives

(6. cop digs around, 4 secs)

nearby, there's the possibility he may have practiced firing

from the beach. Police are still checking out citizens' reports.

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