

Bullet traced to police gun

The bullet which struck 19-year-old Linda Montoya at a shootout in Agua Fria last week was fired by the service revolver of Santa Fe policeman Anthony Griego, the district attorney's office said today.

The Santa Fe County Grand Jury didn't indict Griego, apparently ruling that the policeman was in the performance of his duty.

"There's no question that the bullet came from his service revolver," Assistant District Attorney Bruce Kaufman said.

Kaufman said the bullet was traced to Griego's gun through ballistics tests conducted at the State Police laboratory.

The district attorney's office presented an indictment for involuntary manslaughter against Griego, but the grand jury refused it.

Miss Montoya was wounded in the head during a gun battle between police and militant Chicanos on Sept. 3 at a school in Agua Fria. She died Thursday.

The grand jury was scheduled to hear testimony on the shootout from Agua Fria residents this afternoon.

Attorneys for the Chicano school sought a hearing today before District Judge Santiago Campos in Tierra Amarilla seeking to bar the grand jury from issuing an investigative report on the school, Kaufman said.

Campos reportedly scheduled the hearing for Friday, when he will also preside over another hearing on the school. The second hearing concerns a grand jury subpoena of the school's records, which has been challenged by a motion to quash.

"The grand jury worked late last night" on the Agua Fria incident, Kaufman said.

The school, Escuela Colegio Tonantzin, is reportedly run by a militant Chicano group called El Comite de los Barrios Unidos. The school has reopened amidst protests from the surrounding community of Agua Fria.

The three-hour gun battle left four persons wounded, including Miss Montoya, and resulted in 11 arrests.