

## Eight indicted in SF shootout

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Eight defendants were scheduled to be arraigned today in Santa Fe district court in connection with the Sept. 3 shootout in Agua Fria.

The eight are charged with assault to commit a violent felony. A con-

viction carries a penalty of two to 10 years in the State Penitentiary.

The defendants are Eugene Romero, Paul Carrillo, Geronimo Garduno, Jose Morfin, Andrew Romero, Joe Gomez, Tom Espinoza, and LeRoy Ortega.

Arraignments were scheduled for later today before Judge Thomas Donnelly.

The indictment, rendered by the Santa Fe County Grand Jury Wednesday but kept secret until today, accuses the defendants with "assaulting another with intent to kill or commit murder."

The indictments were reportedly returned on the basis of ballistics tests at the State Police laboratory and testimony by police and press witnesses.

Ten persons were originally held in connection with the gun battle, which took place at a Chicano school in the community of Agua Fria near Santa Fe. The battle saw police and militant Chicanos exchange gunfire for some three hours, resulting in one death and three other persons wounded.

Bond has been set at \$5,000 each for the eight defendants.

Assault with intent to commit a violent felony is a third-degree felony.

The defendants are expected to be represented by the district public defender's office.

The grand jury didn't indict a Santa Fe police officer, Anthony Griego, for firing the bullet which struck 19-year-old Linda Montoya in the shootout. She died three days later.

The jury apparently ruled Griego was in the performance of his duty when he fired the shot.

Two motions by attorneys for the school, Escuela Colegio Tonantzin, still pend in district court. The motions seek to prevent confiscated school files from being investigated by the grand jury.

Meanwhile, the trial of the former director of El Vicio drug rehabilitation program resumed today before Judge Edwin Felter.

Frank Quintana, the ex-director, is accused of trafficking in heroin. The trial is expected to last about two days.