

OFFICER, FIRED ON, SHOOTS FATHER OF YOUNG PRISONER

Resenting Special Officer Mansker's attempt to arrest his eleven-year-old stepson for alleged theft of coal, Joe Blackburn, 28, negro chef, shot at the officer at the negro's home, 1223 Pacific avenue, Monday.

The bullet whizzed harmlessly by Mansker's head and the officer, backing into the yard, returned the fire.

Blackburn fell in the doorway, shot through the right arm. His wife pulled him inside and slammed the door. A moment later, according to Blackburn's statement to the police, he went to the door and fired at Mansker with a musket as the latter stepped behind a freight car in the Texas & Pacific yards.

Mansker hurried to the central police station and reported the shooting to Assistant Chief Speight. Mounted Policemen Traxler and Defee of the Missouri avenue station arrested the negro on a charge of assault to murder.

The trouble started, Mansker says, when he followed Blackburn's stepson home after watching him jump from a coal car. Mansker went into the house and seized the boy by the shoulder. Blackburn, according to Mansker, shot at the officer before the latter could unbutton his overcoat and reach for his own weapon.