

Fugitive alien kille in border shoot-ou

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CANNONS CORNER — A U.S. Border Patrol agent was seriously wounded here Sunday night after he single-handedly shot it out with the Renaud brothers, wanted in Montreal for murder.

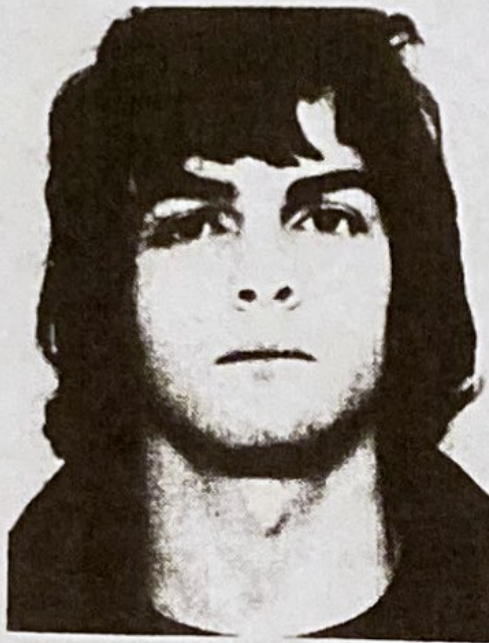
As the result of the shoot-out, Pierre Renaud, 23, of Montreal was killed. His brother, 29-year-old Michel "Frenchy" Renaud was located and taken into custody by law enforcement officers about four hours later.

Border patrol agent Myron Merchant, was hit with a .38 caliber slug in the chest.

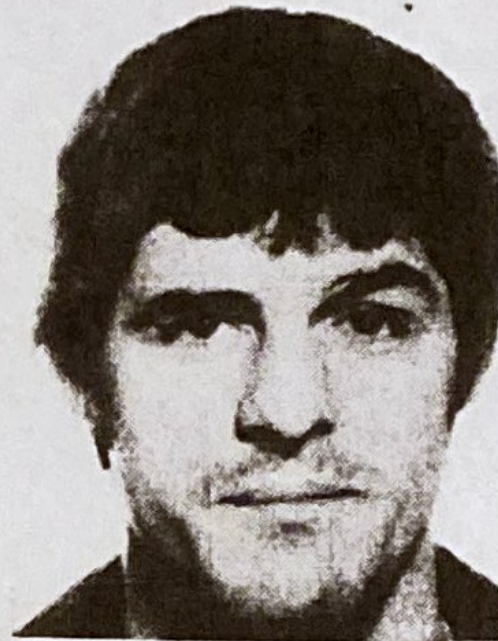
The 32-year-old Merchant was taken to the CVPH Medical Center in Plattsburgh. As of Monday evening, his condition had stabilized and he was improving, according to a hospital official.

Michel Renaud has been charged with first-degree attempted murder. He was arraigned early Monday morning before Schuyler Falls Town Justice Roger Dashnaw, who ordered him committed to the Clinton County Jail pending further action.

The Renaud brothers escaped from a Montreal police van while enroute to court on Oct. 9. The



Pierre Renaud



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patrol station received a report of two individuals walking down the road in Cannons Corners, a small crossroads hamlet in the town of Mooers, just west of Mooers Forks.

The two had entered the U.S. from Canada and were walking along the Cannons Corners Road near its intersection with Route 11.

U.S. Border Patrol agent Myron Merchant, who had transferred to the North Country, was

hiding, was seized. Michel Renaud was taken into custody. He was armed with a revolver, but offered no resistance.

When apprehended, the brother was taken to an area residence where he had approached the shooting site. Apparently told the car was broken down and taken to Plattsburgh while they were there, he had no car. The man, who police offered \$60 for the trip.

The man was released as not guilty. Renaud was offered as a fugitive, police said.

As of late Monday, it was unknown whether authorities would identify Renaud.

The chief attorney in Albany said the attorney was aware of a hearing but not yet heard from officials about possible

hit Merchant in the chest. The patrol agent returned fire. He shot one of the gunmen, later identified as Pierre Renaud, who died instantly. The other man, Michel Renaud, ran deeper into the woods.

Just as Merchant responded to the report, a second border patrol unit also speeded to the scene.

As border patrol agent Harry Oakley drove up, he heard shots

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