

## **Leader in Attica Riot Is Slain**

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A leader of the 1971 prison uprising in Attica, N.Y., who later waged a one-man war against narcotics traffic in his neighborhood, died in an ambush by angry drug pushers, the police said today.

Bernard Stroble, 42 years old, who used the African name Shango, was killed by a shotgun blast after parking his car outside his mother's home Wednesday.

Investigators said Mr. Stroble had tried to prevent drug addicts from using an apartment above his shoe repair shop in a building owned by his family. He also tried to stop drug dealers from using his mother's restaurant across the street as a hangout.

Mr. Stroble was sentenced to Attica after confessing to murder, kidnapping, assault, arson and robbery charges. In 1975, he was acquitted of charges that he and four other leaders of the uprising executed two prison informers after a mock trial during the 1971 uprising. In all, 43 people died in the revolt, including 39 who were shot to death when the State Police stormed the prison.

Mr. Stroble, who spent most of his life behind bars, reportedly left prison influenced by revolutionary black philosophy and an interest in radical politics.

Two days before he was slain, he reportedly attacked three drug addicts he found in the apartment above his shop. His friends said that less than an hour later young men driving Mercedes-Benzes and Cadillacs converged on the block, brandishing guns and vowing revenge.

The police said that shortly after the fatal shooting, Mr. Stroble's shop was burglarized and the apartment upstairs was back in use as a so-called shooting gallery where addicts inject drugs.