

CHAVEZ PICKET SHOT TO DEATH ON COAST

DELANO, Calif., Aug. 16 (AP)—A picket for the United Farm Workers union was shot to death today, and the union's leader, Cesar Chavez, called off picketing amid mounting violence in the farm workers' grape pickers' strike. The police said two men had been booked for investigation of murder.

Juan de la Cruz, 60 years old was shot while manning a picket line at the Giumarra Vineyards in Arvin, 50 miles south of Delano. It was the first death since the farm workers struck July 29, but three union members have been injured in other bursts of gunfire.

Sheriff's officers said a pick-up truck pulled up to the picket line today and an occupant opened fire as the pickets were leaving in their cars. Ernest Baclig, 64, of Fresno, and Bayani Advincula, 20, of Delano, were taken into custody a short time later, the police said. Mr. de la Cruz was taken to a hospital in Bakersfield where he died.

Mr. Chavez and Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California, were at another picket line a few miles away and drove to the scene.

"I'm not going to allow pickets to be shot," Mr. Chavez said in ordering union members to quit picketing vineyards.